SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL in
ACTION COMICS
SUPERMAN DC NATIONAL COMICS
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
12¢
NO. 376
MAY
SO YOU THOUGHT ONLY KRYPTONITE COULD KILL YOU, eh, SUPERMAN?
WELL, LOOK IN THIS BOX! IT CONTAINS A SUBSTANCE AS COMMON AS COAL... BUT DEADLY TO YOU...RIGHT?
YES! IT CAN KILL ME! TAKE IT AWAY!
Featuring:
"THE ONLY WAY TO KILL SUPERMAN!"

HERE'S A WHOLE TREASURE CHEST OF FUN

THROW YOUR VOICE

Throw your voice into trunks, behind doors, everywhere. Instrument fits in your mouth out of sight. Fool teacher, friends, family. Free book on "How to Become a Ventriloquist."
No. 137 25c

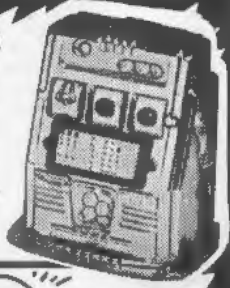
MAGIC CARDS

Deck is marked and stripped. Can be read from the back but looks like ordinary deck. With instructions for 10 terrific tricks.
No. 183 ..... $1.98

SURPRISE PACKAGE

Are you willing to take a chance? We won't tell you what you get, but because you're willing to gamble, we'll give you more than your money's worth.
No. 878 .....Only 50c

JACK POT BANK



Dime-operating Jack Pot Bank works like the one armed bandit in Las Vegas. Deposit the dime and spin the handle. Reels spin and look like the real stuff. Dimes are removable. Should not be used for gambling purposes.
No. 2060.....1.50

MONSTER SIZE MONSTERS

Imagine your friends' shock when they walk into your room and see the "visitor" standing around . . . as BIG as life. as horrible and sinister as any nightmare.
and so life-like you'll probably find yourself talking to them.
No. F17A-Dracula $1.00
No. F17B-Wolfman $1.00

MINIATURE SECRET CAMERA

Precision camera so small, it fits in cigarette pack. Weighs 2½ ounces and takes 10 pictures per roll. Precision ground lens and time expose shutter. Can be hidden anywhere. Complete with free roll of film.
No. 788 $1.00
6 Rolls Film 98c

SMOKE CLOUD

Light one and watch the column of thick, white smoke rise to the ceiling and expand into a dense cloud. Sensational surprising effect.
No. 871 .....20c

SKIN HEAD WIG

Most people try to grow hair. This is just the opposite. Made of flesh toned latex will fit all heads. For the executive that would like to change his appearance.
A35 ..... $1.00

JOY BUZZER

Most popular joke novelty in years! Wind up and wear it like a ring. When you shake hands, it almost raises the victim off his feet with a "shocking sensation." Absolutely harmless.
No. 230 .....Only 50c

20 COURSE HOME STUDY PROGRAM

KARATE, JIU JITSU, JUDO, BOXING, SAVATE, Isometric Muscle Building, Endurance, Stunts.

only $1.00

Here is what you get!
- 20 best KARATE Blows and Chops
- SAVATE French foot fighting
- Nerve center anatomy chart
- JUDO throws, Jiu Jitsu holds
- Isometric muscle building course
- Endurance Exercises and lots more

FREE Karate Practice Item No. 73 and Nerve Center Chart

TRICK BASEBALL

It bounces cockeyed, it curves, it dips, it's impossible to catch. It's sure to set all the kids on the block spinning after it. There's a barrel of fun in every bounce of this amazing baseball.
No. 156..... 50c

MONEYMAKER

Insert a blank piece of paper, turn the knob . . . and . . . OUT COMES A REAL DOLLAR BILL! Insert the dollar and it changes to a $5 then the $5 changes to $10.
A138 ..... 1.25

SECRET SPY SCOPE

Pen Size——Clips On Your Pocket-6 Power Magnifier.
6-power wide field magnifier is cleverly concealed in a pen-sized pocket scope Item No. F59 ..... $1.98

SECRET BOOK SAFE

With combination lock only you can open.

BUILD A BODY OF STEEL

Start Seeing Results in Just 30 Days
Pocket gym will develop your chest, biceps, triceps, neck, back, shoulder, stomach, and legs. Begin to earn the respect of all your friends—the admiration of all the girls. You'll keep fit, healthy, and fear no one! Compactly made of heavy elastic rubber.
No. 7001 ..... Only $1.00

Looks like any book so no one would think to look for valuables in it. Securely locked by combination only you know - because you yourself have set it. Tough under-structure is covered with simulated leather binding. 700 ..... $1.98

WHOOPEE CUSHION

Place on a chair under a cushion, then watch the fun when someone sits down! It gives forth embarrassing noises. Made of rubber, and inflatable. A scream
No. 247 ..... 58c

ONION GUM

Yes—Looks like real chewing gum but tastes like ONIONS! Its too funny! 5 slices to a pack.
No. 281 ..... 20c

X-RAY SPECS

An Hilarious Optical Illusion $1.00

Scientific optical principle really works. Imagine—you put on the "X-Ray" Specs and hold your hand in front of you. You seem to be able to look right through the flesh and see the bones underneath. Look at your friend. Is that really his body you "see" under his clothes? Loads of laughs and fun at parties.
No. FE7 ..... $1.00

Monster-Size FULL SIZE SKELETON

This 5-foot "Mr. Bones" is scary enough at any time but wait'll you see him glowing in the dark! Shake him and his arms and legs move . . . you'd swear he's alive. If you like to haunt houses and frighten friends, this is for you! Or hang him in your room.
No. F200 $1.25

Honor House Prod. Corp. **Dept. 86GK 53**
Lynbrook, N.Y. 11563

Rush me the items listed below. If I am not 100% satisfied, I may return any part of my purchase after 10 days Free Trial for full refund of purchase price.

Item	Name of Item	How Many	Total Price

☐ I enclose..... in full payment. Same guarantee.
☐ Send C.O.D. I will pay postman on delivery plus C.O.D. and shipping charges.

Name .....
Address ..... Zip .....

N.Y. State residents please add 2% sales tax.
Sorry, we cannot ship orders for less than $1.00.
Kindly add 15c for postage and handling to all orders.

COPYRIGHT © NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., 1969

SUPERMAN

I'LL KILL SUPERMAN BY SENDING THIS BULLET INTO HIS HEAD!
I'LL DESTROY HIM WITH SOUND!
I'LL FINISH HIM BY MAKING HIS COSTUME SHRINK!
I'LL DOOM HIM WITH ORDINARY GLASS!

DO THESE FOUR GUYS REALLY EXPECT TO DO AWAY WITH THE MAN OF STEEL IN SUCH SIMPLE WAYS? HOW CAN A BULLET PENETRATE HIS INVULNERABLE SKIN? HOW CAN NOISE HARM HIM... OR A SHRUNKEN UNIFORM... OR COMMON GLASS? READ...

THE ONLY WAY TO KILL SUPERMAN!

ACTION COMICS, No. 376, May, 1969. Published monthly (semi-monthly, March) by NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., 2nd & Dickey Sts., SPARTA, ILL. 62286. Editorial, Executive offices, 909 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022. Mort Weisinger, Editor. E. Nelson Bridwell, Assistant Editor. Carmine Infantino, Editorial Director. SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT SPARTA, ILL. under the act of March 3, 1879. No subscriptions. For advertising rates address Richard A. Feldon & Co., 41 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Copyright © National Periodical Publications, Inc., 1969. All rights reserved under International and Pan-American Copyright Conventions. The stories, characters and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. No actual persons, living or dead, are intended or should be inferred.

"This periodical may not be sold except by authorized dealers and is sold subject to the conditions that it shall not be sold or distributed with any part of its cover or markings removed, nor in a mutilated condition, nor affixed to, nor as part of any advertising, literary or pictorial matter whatsoever." Printed in U.S.A.

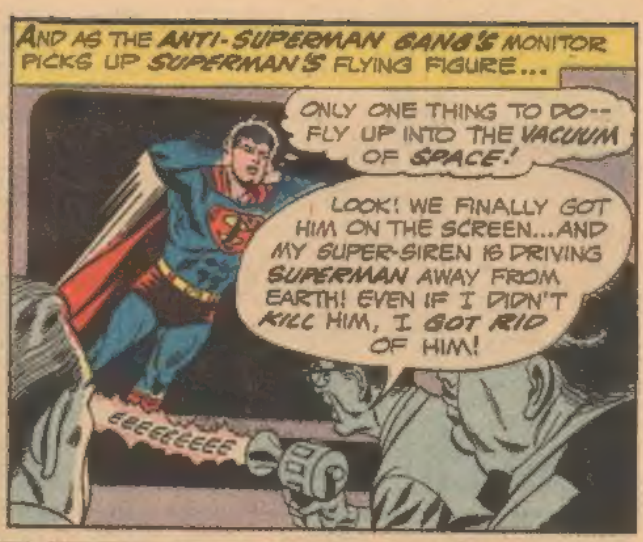
HIGH UP IN THE VIP SUITE OF THE METROPOLIS SHELTON HOTEL, AN IMPORTANT GATHERING IS HELD IN STRICT SECRECY...
GENTLEMEN! OUR MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER! WE ARE READY TO BEGIN OUR SUPER-BUSINESS...
ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG
...THE SUPER-BUSINESS OF WIPING OUT SUPERMAN!
YES, CRIMEDOM'S MOST SINISTER SECRET ORGANIZATION IS IN SESSION, DEDICATED TO SUPERMAN'S DESTRUCTION!
WE'VE INVITED THE UNDERWORLD'S BRAINIEST GUYS TO COMPETE FOR THE REWARD-- ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN COLD CASH!
LET THE FIRST APPLICANT IN... DOC "EUREKA" SMYTH!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL PACK UP THAT MONEY FOR ME! MY MATTER TRANSMITTER CAN'T FAIL! SUPERMAN IS A DEAD DUCK! GIVE ME ANY OBJECT AND I'LL DEMONSTRATE!
HERE'S MY WRISTWATCH, BUT IT'S WORTH $500! BE CAREFUL WITH IT, SEE?
HEY! M-MY WATCH IS DISAPPEARING!
EXACTLY! IT IS BEING TAKEN APART, ATOM BY ATOM, AND TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE AIR IN THE FORM OF WAVES, ALL IN A FEW SECONDS!
2

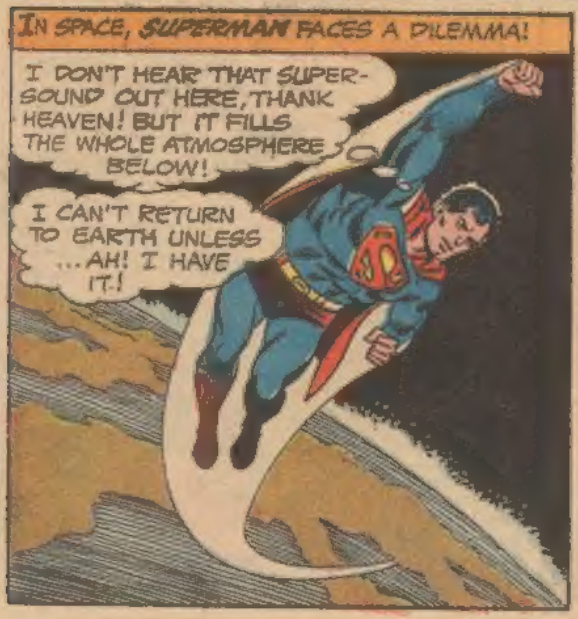
THE ATOM-WAVES OF YOUR WATCH RE-ASSEMBLED INSIDE THAT HOLLOW PAPERWEIGHT! CRACK IT OPEN AND SEE!
IF YOU'RE KIDDING, THE NEXT THING I'LL CRACK OPEN WILL BE YOUR SKULL!
G-GREAT FIREBALLS! HE'S RIGHT!
NOW, I WANT YOU TO USE YOUR IMAGINATIONS, AND...
...PICTURE THIS BULLET BEING TRANSMITTED, IN WAVE-FORM, RIGHT THROUGH SUPERMAN'S SKULL AND INTO HIS BRAIN, KILLING HIM! SEE?
MY MATTER-TRANSMITTER RAY HAS UNLIMITED RANGE! I'LL TUNE MY GUNSIGHT MONITOR TO THE STADIUM, WHERE SUPERMAN IS PERFORMING FOR A CHARITY DRIVE!
CHARITY DR
READY...AIM...FIRE! THERE GO THE BULLET'S ATOM-WAVES, TO MATERIALIZE INSIDE SUPERMAN'S BRAIN! IN A MOMENT, HE'LL DROP DEAD!
5

:ULP!... THE BULLET IS ONLY BOUNCING OFF HIS FOREHEAD!
YOU DUMMY! YOU FORGOT THAT SUPERMAN'S SKIN IS INVULNERABLE! NOTHING CAN PENETRATE IT, NOT EVEN YOUR MATTER-TRANSMITTING RAYS!
OKAY... WHO'S NEXT?
ME..."WHEELS" TALBOT! YEARS AGO, I EXPERIMENTED WITH ANOTHER METHOD OF DOOMING SUPERMAN...
"...BY CREATING A TINY ARTIFICIAL RED SUN!"
AH! THIS MINIATURE RED SUN, IF PLACED NEAR SUPERMAN, WILL ROB HIM OF HIS SUPER-POWERS, WHICH HE GETS FROM EARTH'S YELLOW SUN! HE WON'T BE INVULNERABLE... AND I CAN KILL HIM!
"BUT THE 'SUN' SUDDENLY BLEW UP..."
BLAAAMM
YAAAAAAA!
AS THE RENEGADE SCIENTIST FINISHES HIS STORY...
THE EXPLOSION PARALYZED MY LEGS! BUT THIS TIME, I'LL BE MORE CLEVER! I'LL TURN ONE OF SUPERMAN'S SUPER-SENSES AGAINST HIM!
NOTICE HOW FAINT SOUND-WAVES ARE AMPLIFIED BY THE HUMAN EAR!
HAMMER
ANVIL
STIRRUP
SEMICIRCULAR CANAL
SOUND WAVES
EARDRUM
COCHLEA
VESTIBULE
EXTERNAL AUDITORY CANAL

NOW, MY HYPER-SONIC SIREN, WHICH IS BEYOND THE RANGE OF NORMAL HUMAN HEARING, WILL SPREAD ALL OVER THE EARTH AND REACH SUPERMAN, WHEREVER HE IS!
HIS SUPER-HEARING WILL MAGNIFY IT... AND IT WILL DRIVE HIM CRAZY!
EEEE

OH, NO! THAT ULTRA-SONIC BLAST SHATTERED THE CRYSTALLINE HELMET... AS AN OPERA SINGER'S VOICE CAN SHATTER A GLASS! THERE GOES MY VACUUM HELMET!
EEEEEE
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEE


AND AS THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG'S MONITOR PICKS UP SUPERMAN'S FLYING FIGURE...
ONLY ONE THING TO DO-- FLY UP INTO THE VACUUM OF SPACE!
LOOK! WE FINALLY GOT HIM ON THE SCREEN...AND MY SUPER-SIREN IS DRIVING SUPERMAN AWAY FROM EARTH! EVEN IF I DIDN'T KILL HIM, I GOT RID OF HIM!
EEEEEEEEEE


IN SPACE, SUPERMAN FACES A DILEMMA!
I DON'T HEAR THAT SUPER-SOUND OUT HERE, THANK HEAVEN! BUT IT FILLS THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE BELOW!
I CAN'T RETURN TO EARTH UNLESS ...AH! I HAVE IT!

FAR OUT IN SPACE...
A WHITE DWARF STAR! ITS TIGHTLY PACKED INTERIOR IS MADE OF NEUTRONIUM, THE DENSEST SUBSTANCE IN THE UNIVERSE! I'LL BRING OUT A COUPLE OF HANDFULS!
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.
6

PLUCK

Build her, yourself! She's the plucky Navy PBY, and plucking downed pilots out of the sea during WWII was her specialty. She'd plop down on the water, pick up her boys, and off she'd fly again...all within a matter of seconds and a few hundred feet, and sometimes under direct enemy fire. No wonder so many fliers loved her. She was also the first flying boat to span the U.S. and first to explore unknown regions of the Arctic and New Guinea. And in WWII she laid mines, ferried men and supplies, and was a patrol bomber of the famed Black Cat Squadron. You can't seem to keep the old girl down. Now she's hard at work fighting forest fires! We think you'll learn to love her too, as you build Revell's beautifully authentic model of the classic PBY Catalina. She sells for under $2.00, wherever toys or hobbies are sold.

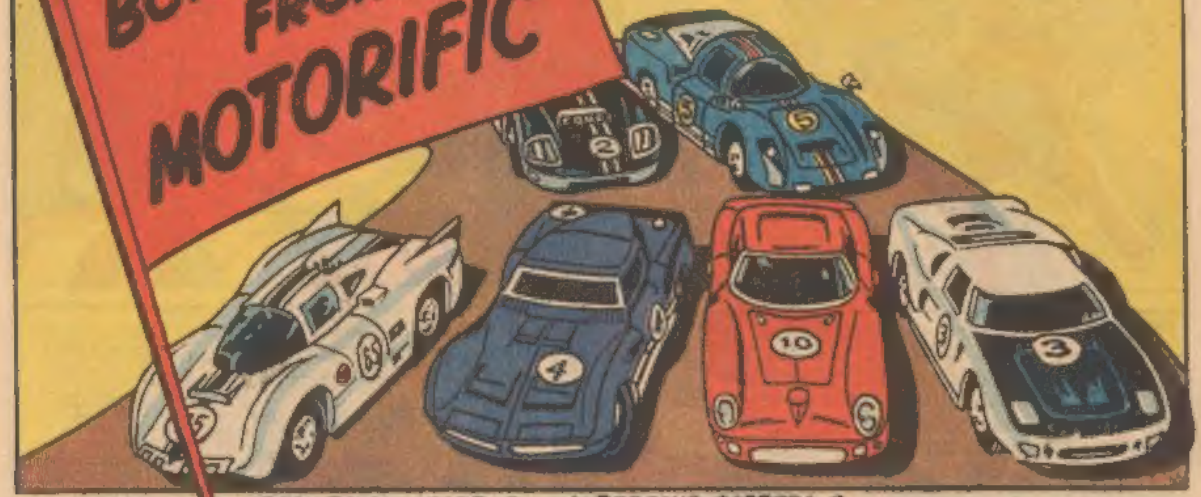
Send 35¢ for new 1969 color catalog of Revell kits.
Revell, Inc., 4364 Glencoe Ave., Venice, California 90291

Revell

March, 1969 · Model of the Month
PBY-5A Catalina

FLASH! BONUS OFFER FROM MOTORIFIC®

BUY ANY OF THESE HOT MOTORIFIC RACING CARS AND GET A RACE TRACK ATTENDANT ...RIGHT IN THE PACKAGE!

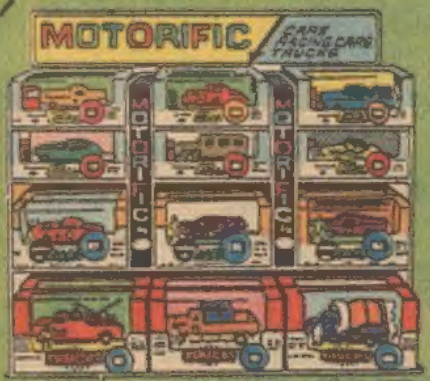


BACK ROW: FORD J / PORSCHE CARRERA 6
FRONT ROW: CHAPARRAL / MAKO SHARK / FARRARI 250 / FORD MARK II.

SIGNAL MAN FIREMAN · MECHANIC · ATTENDANT · TRACKMAN · FLAGMAN

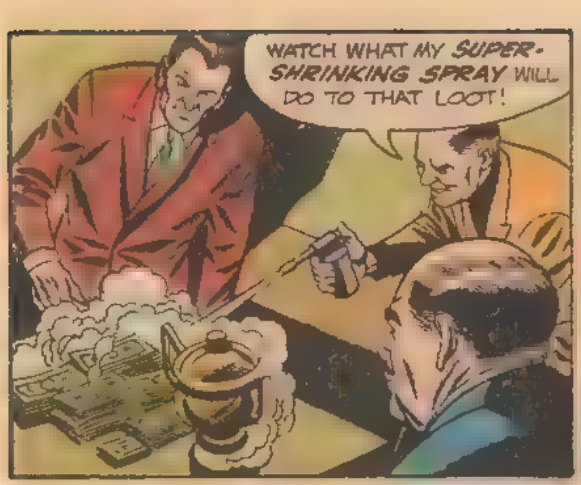
EACH SET COMES WITH THE RACER OF YOUR CHOICE, THE NEW BONUS ATTENDANT, AND A HIGH-TORQUE MOTORIFIC MOTOR.

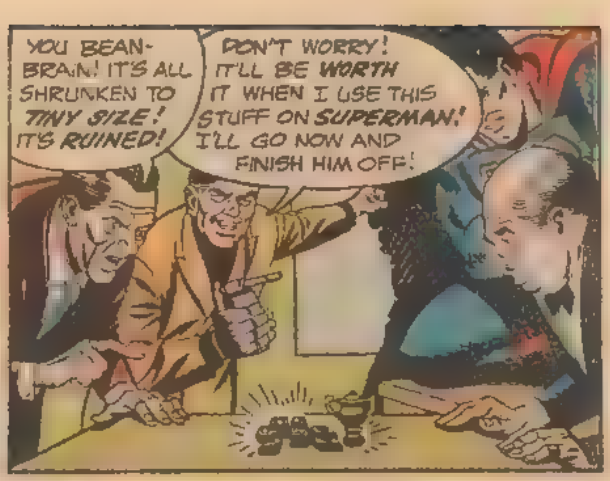
LOOK FOR THIS MOTORIFIC DISPLAY CENTER AT YOUR FAVORITE TOY STORE NOW!

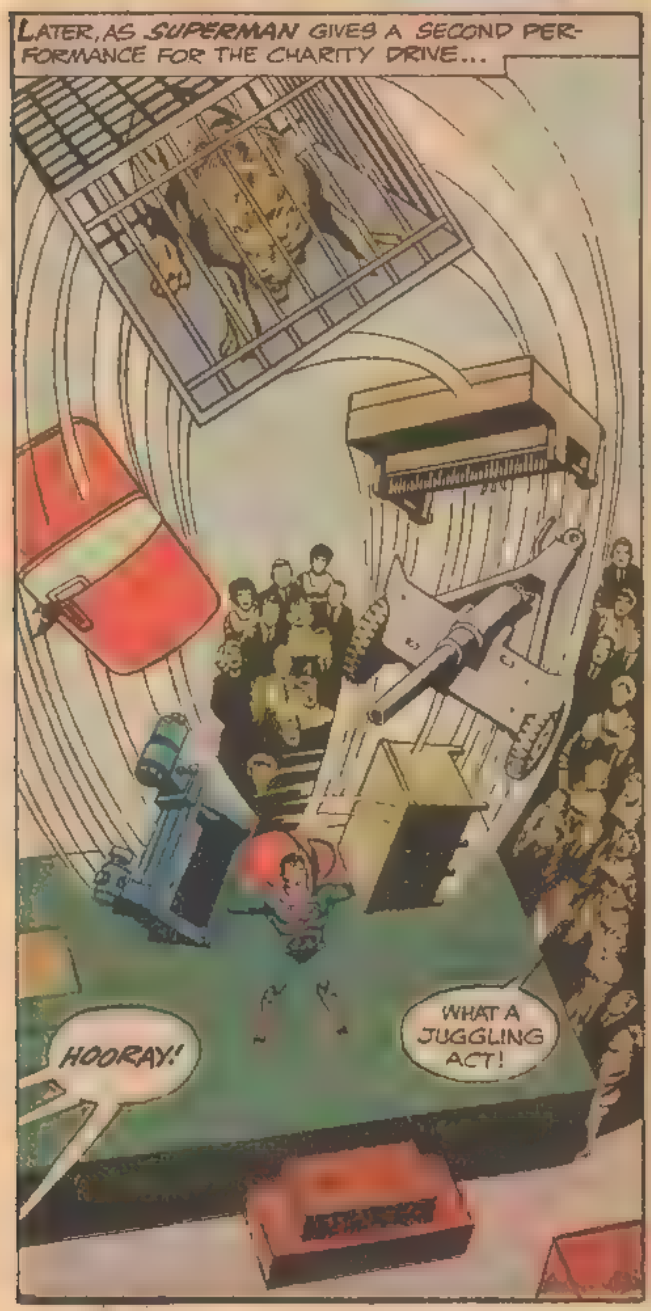


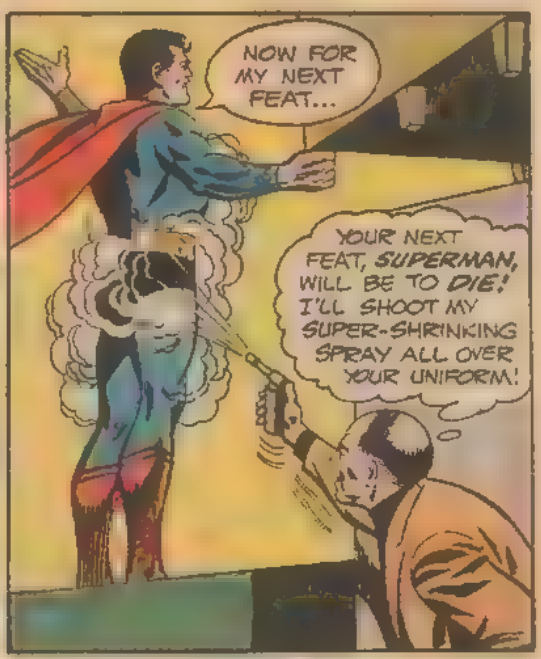
IT'S MOTORIFIC, IT'S EXTRA EXTRA TERRIFIC... IT'S IDEAL

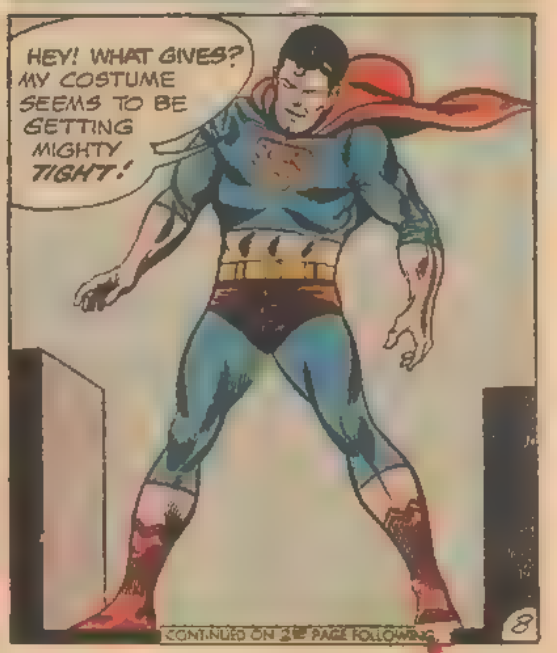
OOF! IT'S NO CINCH EVEN FOR ME TO LIFT THESE TWO HANDFULS OF NEUTRONIUM! EACH ONE WEIGHS A MILLION TONS!
THERE! AS THE MOLTEN NEUTRONIUM HARDENS IN COLD SPACE, IT FORMS TWO SUPER-EAR-PLUGS! NOW, BACK TO EARTH TO TEST THEM...
PRESENTLY...
AH! I DON'T HEAR A THING! I HAVE TO LUG TWO MILLION TONS OF WEIGHT AROUND IN MY EARS, BUT THOSE NEUTRONIUM EAR-PLUGS ARE TOO DENSE FOR ANY SOUND TO PENETRATE!
EEEE


WATCH WHAT MY SUPER-SHRINKING SPRAY WILL DO TO THAT LOOT!

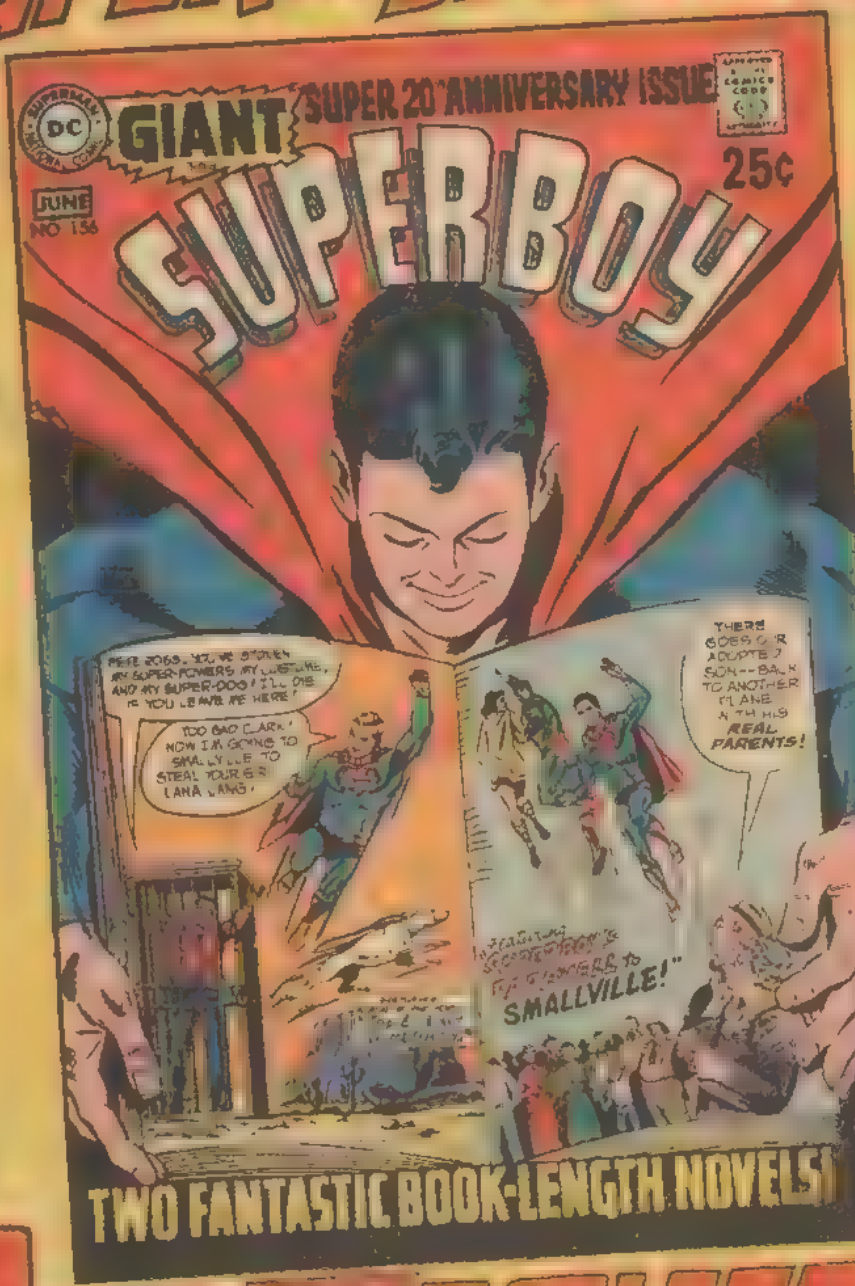

YOU BEAN-BRAIN! IT'S ALL SHRUNKEN TO TINY SIZE! IT'S RUINED!
DON'T WORRY! IT'LL BE WORTH IT WHEN I USE THIS STUFF ON SUPERMAN! I'LL GO NOW AND FINISH HIM OFF!


LATER, AS SUPERMAN GIVES A SECOND PERFORMANCE FOR THE CHARITY DRIVE...
HOORAY!
WHAT A JUGGLING ACT!


NOW FOR MY NEXT FEAT...
YOUR NEXT FEAT, SUPERMAN, WILL BE TO DIE! I'LL SHOOT MY SUPER-SHRINKING SPRAY ALL OVER YOUR UNIFORM!


HEY! WHAT GIVES? MY COSTUME SEEMS TO BE GETTING MIGHTY TIGHT!
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING
8

SUPER... SPECIAL...


GIANT
SUPER 20TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE
SUPERBOY
25¢
JUNE
NO 154
DC
SUPERMAN-BATMAN-ROBIN COMICS
PETE ROSS, YOU'VE STOLEN MY SUPER-POWERS, MY LIBRARY, AND MY SUPER-DOG! I'LL DIE IF YOU LEAVE ME HERE!
TOO BAD, CLARK! NOW I'M GOING TO SMALLVILLE TO STEAL YOUR GIRL LANA LANG!
THERE GOES OUR ADOPTED SON--BACK TO ANOTHER PLANET WITH HIS REAL PARENTS!
SMALLVILLE!"

TWO FANTASTIC BOOK-LENGTH NOVELS!

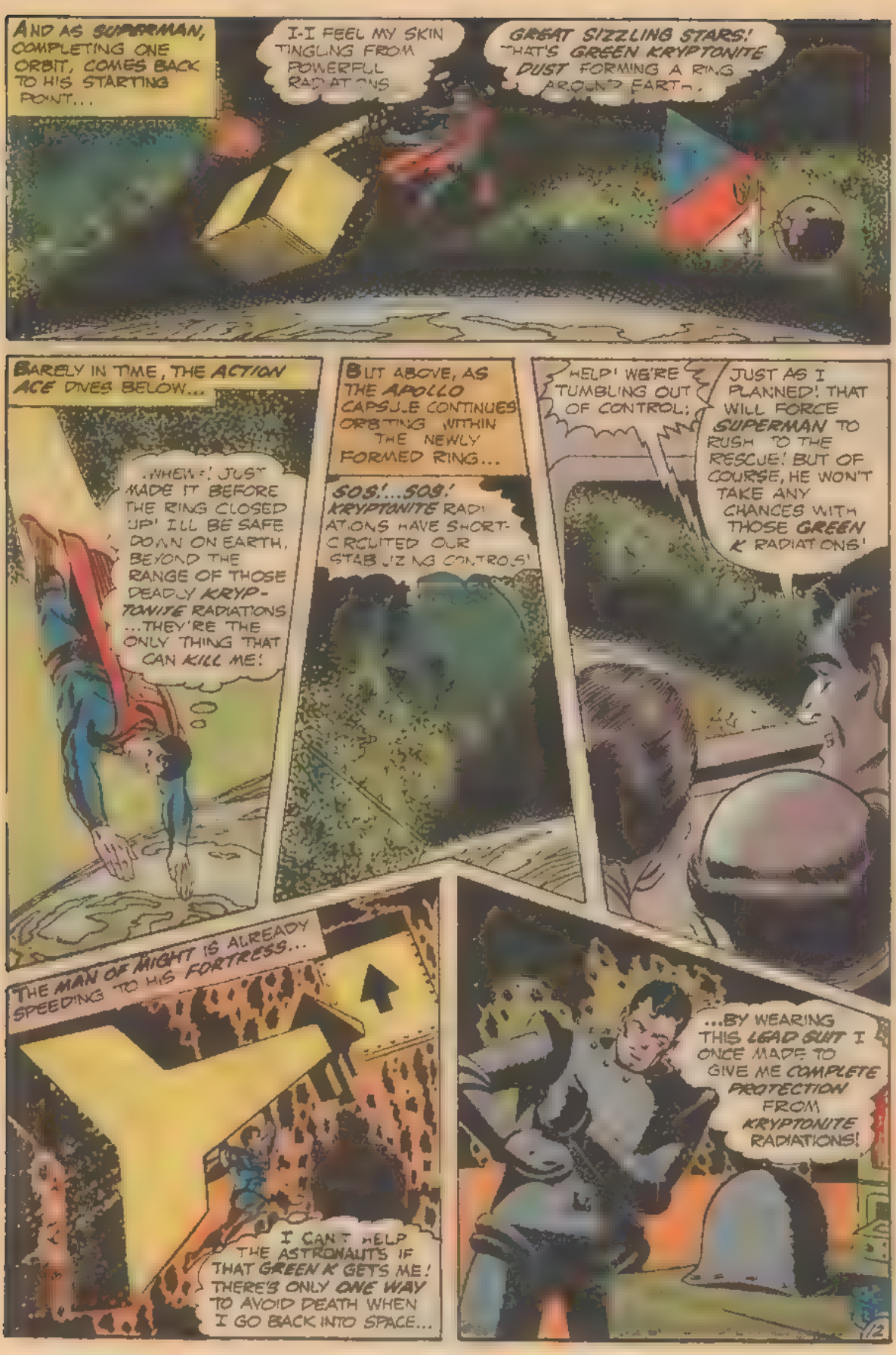
ON SALE MAR. 6

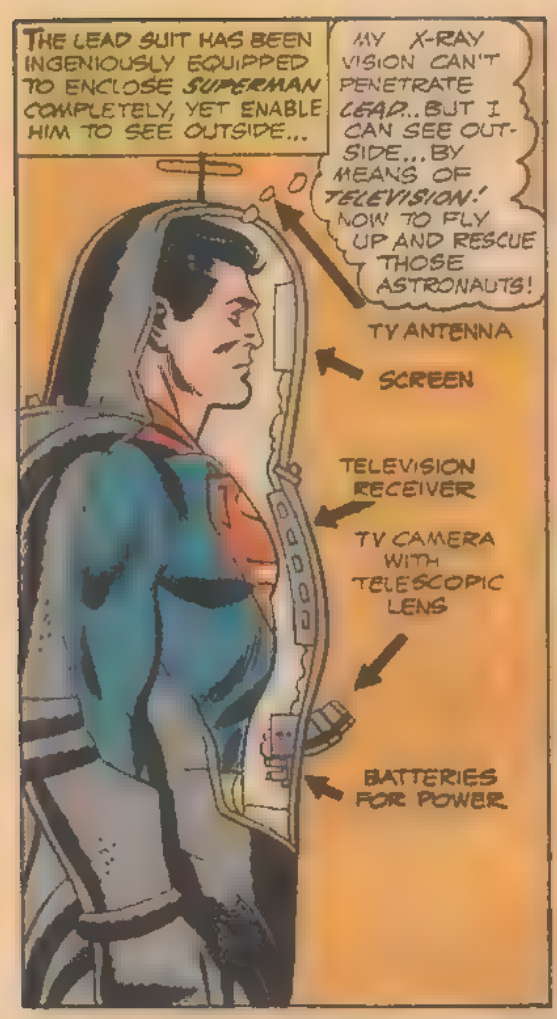
SPECTACULAR!

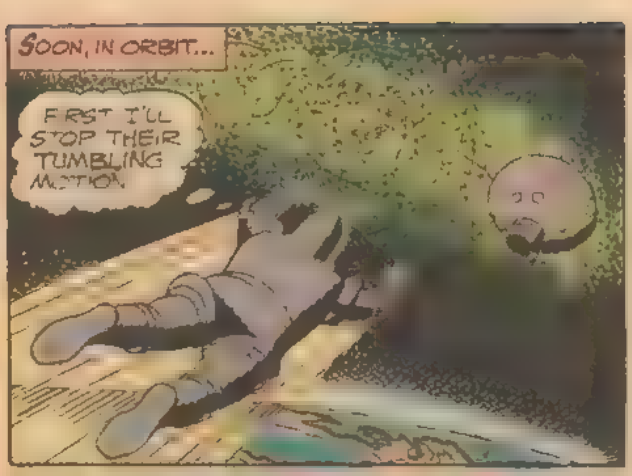
WHAT IN...?
URRG!
HA, HA! HIS SUPER-SUIT IS INDESTRUCTIBLE! SO, AS IT GETS TIGHTER AND TIGHTER, IT WILL SUPER-SQUEEZE HIM TO DEATH.
BUT THE NEXT MOMENT...
NO..IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HIS SUPER-OUTFIT CAN'T RIP. IT CAN'T!
:ULP!: HOW EMBARRASSING!
DON'T WORRY, FOLKS! I WAS ONLY WEARING A PHONY SUPER-SUIT! YOU SEE, I NEEDED THE REAL ONE FOR MY NEXT STUNT!
TO THINK I WASTED TIME ON THAT PHONY SUPER-SUIT! BUT NOW I'LL TEST THIS...
OH-OH! MY SUPER-SHRINKING SPRAY DOESN'T WORK ON HIS REAL SUPER-OUTFIT!
THERE, FOLKS! BY BLOWING IT UP WITH MY SUPER-BREATH, I'VE SHOWN HOW MY COSTUME SUPER-STRETCHES!
BAH! "BRAINS" LOGAN'S SHRINK JUICE FAILED, TOO! THREE METHODS FOR KILLING SUPERMAN HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE DUDS! LET'S HOPE THE FOURTH GUY HAS SOMETHING THAT WORKS!
9

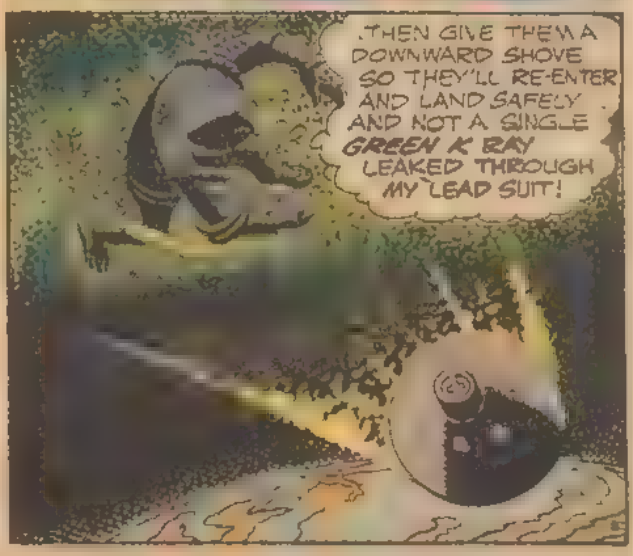
BUT WHEN THE FOURTH CONTESTANT APPEARS...
I'M "GIANT KILLER" JONES! I'LL KILL SUPERMAN... WITH THIS!
HUH? A PIECE OF GLASS? WHO LET THIS NUT IN?
ANTI-SUPERMAN
AH, BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU HEAR MY PLAN! YOU SEE,.. BZZZZ ...BZZZ...BZZZ ...BZZZ...
WOW! IT'S FOOL-PROOF! GLASS WILL KNOCK OFF SUPERMAN! HA, HA!
NEXT DAY, FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION, SUPERMAN TUNES IN HIS OWN GIANT MONITOR SCREEN IN METROPOLIS SQUARE!
FOLKS! LIKE OUR UNITED NATIONS, MANY PLANETS OUT IN SPACE HAVE FORMED THE UNITED WORLDS! THEY ARE CELEBRATING ITS ANNIVERSARY TODAY!
UNITED WORLDS DAY
EARTH HAS BEEN MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE UW! SO, TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION, THAT APOLLO CAPSULE, WITH THREE ASTRONAUTS ABOARD, WAS ORBITED!
FIREWORKS
FIREWORKS
TO TOP IT OFF, I'LL FOLLOW THE SPACECRAFT AND SHOOT OFF THESE FIREWORKS! THEY'LL BE SEEN ALL AROUND THE WORLD! I'LL IGNITE THEM WITH MY HEAT VISION!

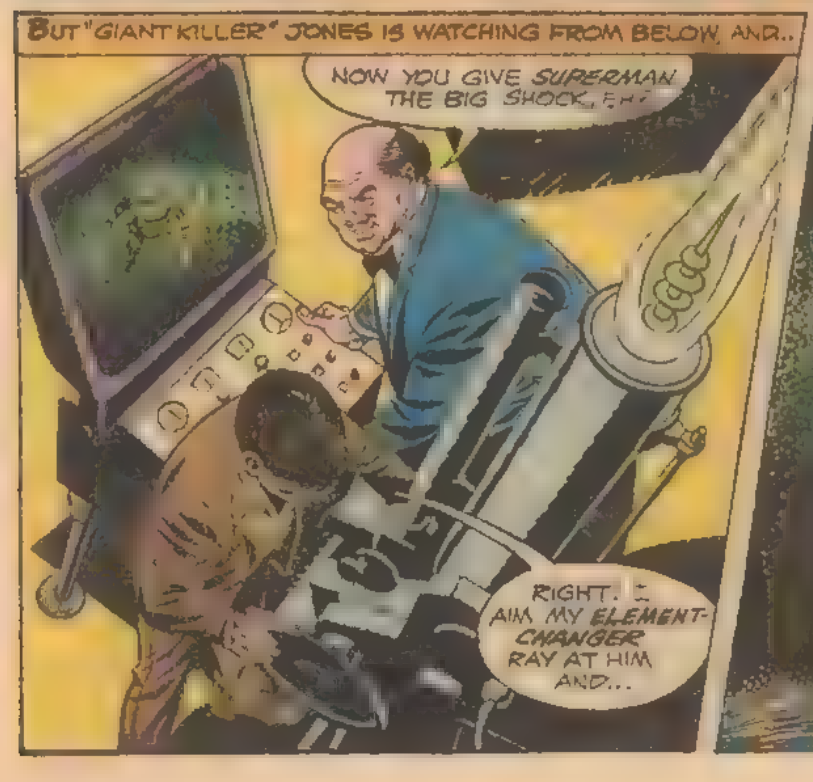
SOON, IN SPACE
FIREWORKS
WOWIE!...WHAT A FIREWORKS DISPLAY!... LIKE TEN FOURTHS-OF JULY ROLLED INTO ONE!
BUT SECRETLY, "GIANT KILLER" JONES AND THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG ARE AT WORK...
WITH ALL THOSE FIRE-WORKS EXPLODING, SUPERMAN WON'T NOTICE THIS ROCKET WE'RE SHOOTING UP!
AS THE ROCKET ALSO GOES INTO ORBIT.
IN ALL THOSE RAINBOW COLORS, SUPE WON'T SPOT THE ROCKET GIVING OFF GREEN SPARKLES, WHICH ARE REALLY...
...GREEN KRYPTONITE DUST! IT'S FORMING A GIANT RING AS THE ROCKET ORBITS EARTH!


AND AS SUPERMAN, COMPLETING ONE ORBIT, COMES BACK TO HIS STARTING POINT...
I-I FEEL MY SKIN TINGLING FROM POWERFUL RADIATIONS
GREAT SIZZLING STARS! THAT'S GREEN KRYPTONITE DUST FORMING A RING AROUND EARTH!
BARELY IN TIME, THE ACTION ACE DIVES BELOW...
WHEW!! JUST MADE IT BEFORE THE RING CLOSED UP! I'LL BE SAFE DOWN ON EARTH, BEYOND THE RANGE OF THOSE DEADLY KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS ...THEY'RE THE ONLY THING THAT CAN KILL ME!
BUT ABOVE, AS THE APOLLO CAPSULE CONTINUES ORBITING WITHIN THE NEWLY FORMED RING...
SOS!...SOS! KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS HAVE SHORT-CIRCUITED OUR STABILIZING CONTROLS!
HELP! WE'RE TUMBLING OUT OF CONTROL!
JUST AS I PLANNED! THAT WILL FORCE SUPERMAN TO RUSH TO THE RESCUE! BUT OF COURSE, HE WON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THOSE GREEN K RADIATIONS!
THE MAN OF MIGHT IS ALREADY SPEEDING TO HIS FORTRESS...
I CAN'T HELP THE ASTRONAUTS IF THAT GREEN K GETS ME! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO AVOID DEATH WHEN I GO BACK INTO SPACE...
...BY WEARING THIS LEAD SUIT I ONCE MADE TO GIVE ME COMPLETE PROTECTION FROM KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS!
12

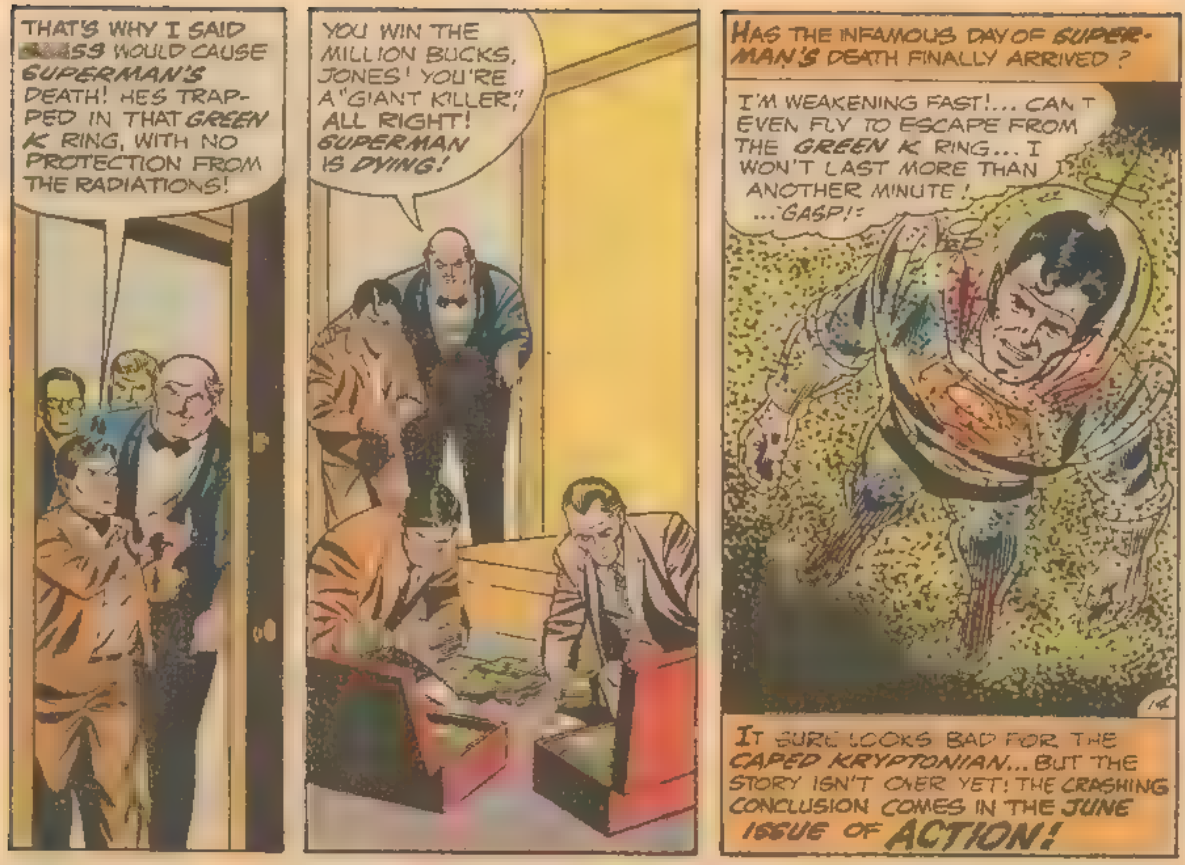

THE LEAD SUIT HAS BEEN INGENIOUSLY EQUIPPED TO ENCLOSE SUPERMAN COMPLETELY, YET ENABLE HIM TO SEE OUTSIDE...
MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE LEAD.. BUT I CAN SEE OUTSIDE... BY MEANS OF TELEVISION! NOW TO FLY UP AND RESCUE THOSE ASTRONAUTS!
TV ANTENNA
SCREEN
TELEVISION RECEIVER
TV CAMERA WITH TELESCOPIC LENS
BATTERIES FOR POWER


SOON, IN ORBIT...
FIRST I'LL STOP THEIR TUMBLING MOTION.


THEN GIVE THEM A DOWNWARD SHOVE SO THEY'LL RE-ENTER AND LAND SAFELY AND NOT A SINGLE GREEN K RAY LEAKED THROUGH MY LEAD SUIT!


BUT "GIANT KILLER" JONES IS WATCHING FROM BELOW, AND..
NOW YOU GIVE SUPERMAN THE BIG SHOCK, EH?
RIGHT. I AIM MY ELEMENT-CHANGER RAY AT HIM AND...

I'LL FLY DOWN, AWAY FROM THE GREEN K RING... WHAT'S THIS? I FEEL PAIN!...
GREAT SUNS! MY LEAD SUIT HAS TURNED TO GLASS!


THAT'S WHY I SAID [illegible]SS WOULD CAUSE SUPERMAN'S DEATH! HES TRAPPED IN THAT GREEN K RING, WITH NO PROTECTION FROM THE RADIATIONS!
YOU WIN THE MILLION BUCKS, JONES! YOU'RE A "GIANT KILLER," ALL RIGHT! SUPERMAN IS DYING!
HAS THE INFAMOUS DAY OF SUPERMAN'S DEATH FINALLY ARRIVED ?
I'M WEAKENING FAST!... CAN'T EVEN FLY TO ESCAPE FROM THE GREEN K RING... I WON'T LAST MORE THAN ANOTHER MINUTE! ...GASP!=
IT SURE LOOKS BAD FOR THE CAPED KRYPTONIAN... BUT THE STORY ISN'T OVER YET! THE CRASHING CONCLUSION COMES IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF ACTION!

the TITAN and the FURY
THE ATOM AND HAWKMAN
THE GHOST RETURNS
ON SALE APRIL 1

Dear Editor

I am writing to congratulate you on the special anniversary that will occur in the May, 1969 issue of ACTION COMICS. It marks the first ten years of Supergirl. Since her debut in the May, 1959 ACTION, she has become DC's greatest heroine. I certainly hope you have something planned for this great occasion, like giving Supergirl her own mag.

—Allan Latawiec, Wallington, N.J.

(You guessed it, Al! This is Supergirl's last appearance in ACTION—ten years to the issue after she started. When next you see her, she'll be starring in ADVENTURE, which will henceforth be her magazine. Cary Bates has written a suspense-filled novel to mark her debut in the June ADVENTURE. Meantime, the Legion of Super-Heroes moves to the second spot in ACTION, beginning with the next issue. Keep an eye out for the June ACTION and ADVENTURE. They're sure to sell fast and become collector's items! —Ed.)

* * * * * * *

Dear Editor:

"The Masked Superman" was a great story in that it had the one ingredient necessary for the magazine: ACTION! I am a wrestling fan, and so I was thrilled at Supie's knowledge of wrestling techniques.

—Jesus Monteagudo, Miami, Fla.

(Why shouldn't he know about wrestling holds? If you'll look at the indicia on the first page of this mag, you'll see that the assistant editor is a "full Nelson." —Ed.)

* * * * * * *

Dear Editor

How are Don-El and Van-Zee, of Kandor, related to Superman and Supergirl? Also, are there any other people in the bottle-city who are related to the supercousins?

—Jerry A. Scardino, Arabi, La.

(Don-El is the son of Nim-El, twin brother of Jor-El, Superman's father, and therefore an older brother of Zor-El, Supergirl's dad. So that makes Don-El a first cousin of the two Supers. Van-Zee's mother was a cousin of Jor-El and Zor-El. There are several other relatives of Kal-El and Kara in the bottle, including Van-Zee's brother, Dik-Zee, and, of course, Supergirl's parents, Zor-El and Alura, who are still living. —Ed.)

* * * * * * *

Dear Editor:

I think I can provide answers for a couple of letters that appeared in ACTION No. 369. First, in the Virus X story, Superman's calculations that he had only 12 hours to live were not wrong. His funeral rocket, traveling at near the speed of light, caused time aboard the space vessel to slow down. As for why Flammbron was shown as a yellow star, when Superman said it was the hottest in the universe, he meant it had the hottest core, not the hottest surface temperature. —Leonard Philip Zinna, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Thanks, Len. Superman himself couldn't have come to our rescue more beautifully.—Ed.)

* * * * * * *

Dear Editor:

It has long been a source of great amusement to my family and friends that I, a 16-year-old, should read "children's comics." Many readers are in the same situation. So I will attempt to destroy the notion that your publications (I wouldn't care to vouch for the other, greatly inferior brands) are strictly for kids. I am well above average intelligence. Yet your magazines, particularly the "Super-family," *satisfy* my intelligence. The Comic Fan Convention, held annually in New York, is added evidence. Does anyone believe that those adult collectors, who pay fat prices for rare issues of ACTION and SUPERMAN, never read them? Finally, why do I, having experienced Shakespeare, Johnson, Dickens and Thackeray, find my most rewarding pastime in reading DC magazines? Because the general high caliber of stories, art and plots is unequalled in the magazine world.

—Pelter Flaherty, Cardenden, Fife, Scotland

(Thanks for the endorsement, Pete. But we won't presume to compare our stories with the works of the authors you named. If we did, someone might Shake a Spear at us and give us the Dickens.—Ed.)

* * * * * * *

Dear Editor:

I would like to see a change in Clark Kent's personality. Clark should be more heroic and save Lois in that identity sometimes, instead of always doing it as Superman.

—Kurt Sawyer, Ann Arbor, Mich.

(If it's a heroic Clark you want, don't miss the current issue of SUPERMAN, featuring the spectacled reporter as a medic in Vietnam.—Ed.)

* * * * * * *

Dear Editor:

Please give us a story wherein all Superman's enemies team up to get rid of the Metropolis Marvel. I can see it now—the Acid Master, Mr. Mxyzptlk, the Prankster, the Parasite, the Toyman, Amulek, the Superman Revenge Squad, the Pirate Empire which ordered the destruction of Krypton, Brainiac, and, of course, Luthor. Maybe you could call them the Council of Doom.

—William Burns, Benton, Ky.

(But you didn't name all of them, Bill! There's the Puzzler, the Wrecker, the Phantom Zone villains, the Anti-Superman Gang (featured in this issue), and ...we could go on and on. In fact, if we used them all in one story, we'd have to devote a whole issue to introducing them!—Ed.)

* * * * * * *

Dear Editor:

After reading "Superman's Greatest Blunder," I would like to comment on *your* "Greatest Blunder." You show a star which is half red and half yellow. As an amateur astronomer, and after consulting an authority on the subject (Fred Breckon, lecturer at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's Planetarium), I have come to the conclusion that this is impossible. A red star is older than a yellow one, the temperatures are different, and, generally, their sizes would be different, too.

—Richard Pruitt, Portland, Ore.

(We consulted a few authorities ourselves on whether such a star might be a theoretic possibility—and we got a definite "Maybe."—Ed.)

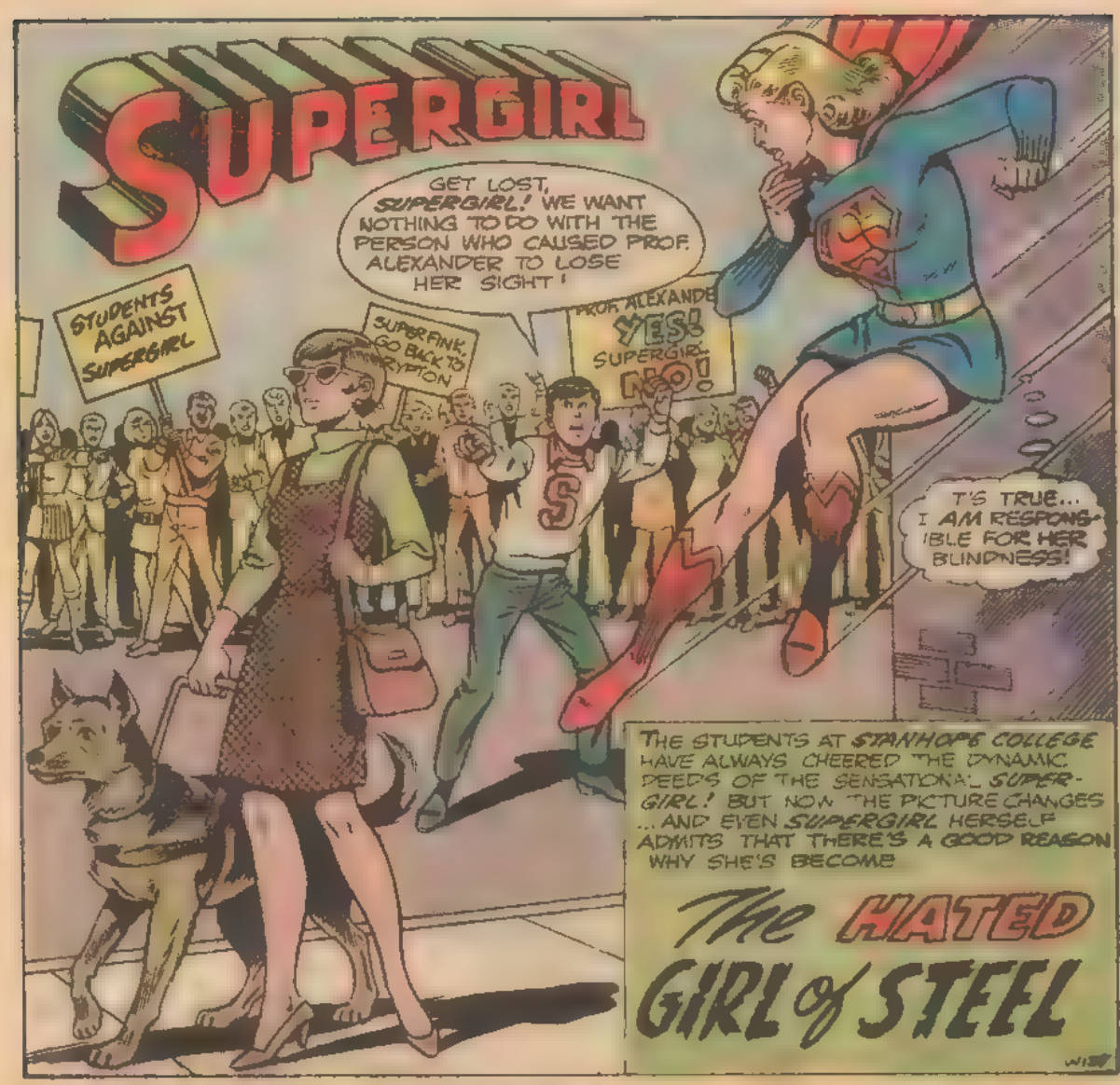
* * * * * * *

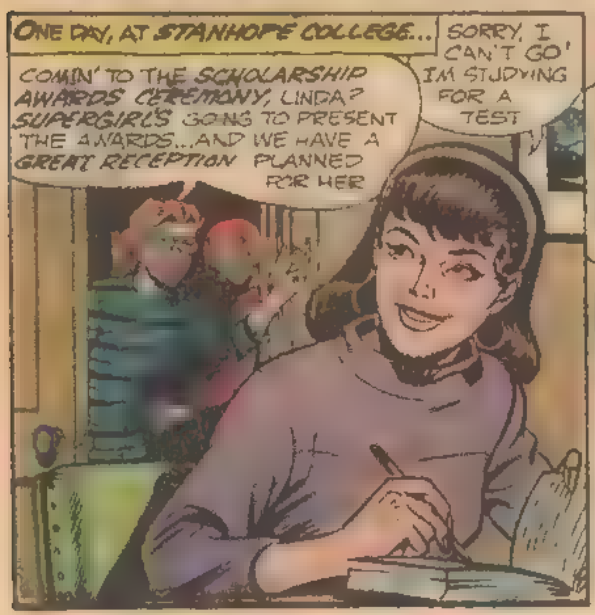
Send all comments, on a postal card, to METROPOLIS MAILBAG, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Include Zip Code with your address.

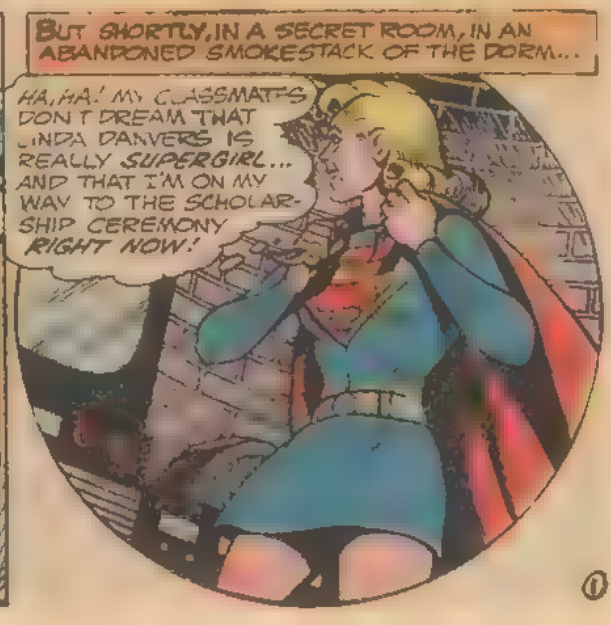
A SAGA OF Sword and SORCERY!

DC SHOWCASE

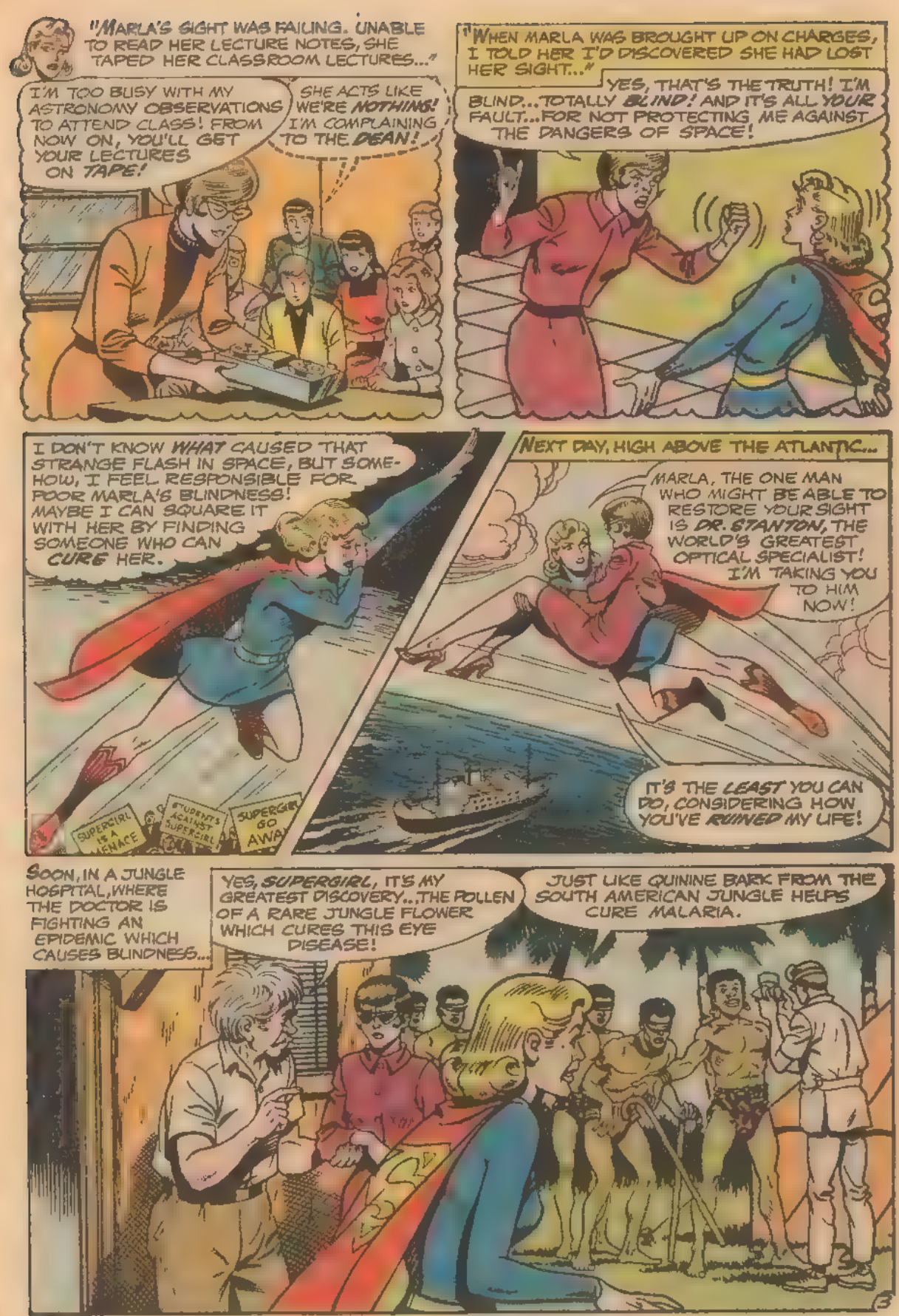
ON SALE MARCH 13th

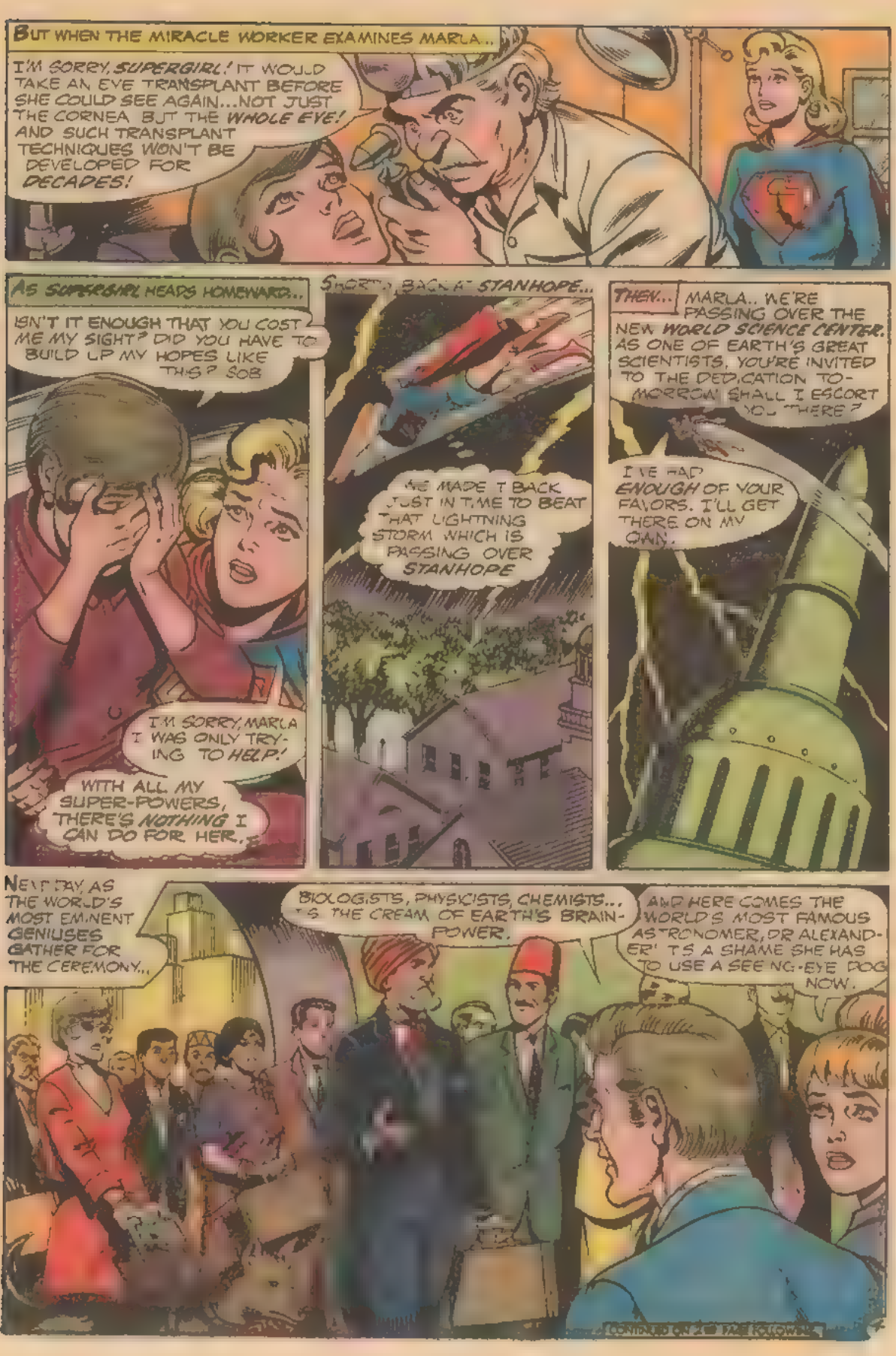

SUPERGIRL
GET LOST, SUPERGIRL! WE WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PERSON WHO CAUSED PROF. ALEXANDER TO LOSE HER SIGHT!
STUDENTS AGAINST SUPERGIRL
SUPERFINK, GO BACK TO KRYPTON
PROF. ALEXANDER YES! SUPERGIRL NO!
IT'S TRUE... I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR HER BLINDNESS!
THE STUDENTS AT STANHOPE COLLEGE HAVE ALWAYS CHEERED THE DYNAMIC DEEDS OF THE SENSATIONAL SUPERGIRL! BUT NOW THE PICTURE CHANGES ... AND EVEN SUPERGIRL HERSELF ADMITS THAT THERE'S A GOOD REASON WHY SHE'S BECOME
The HATED GIRL of STEEL


ONE DAY, AT STANHOPE COLLEGE...
COMIN' TO THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY, LINDA? SUPERGIRL'S GOING TO PRESENT THE AWARDS...AND WE HAVE A GREAT RECEPTION PLANNED FOR HER
SORRY, I CAN'T GO! I'M STUDYING FOR A TEST


BUT SHORTLY, IN A SECRET ROOM, IN AN ABANDONED SMOKESTACK OF THE DORM...
HA, HA! MY CLASSMATES DON'T DREAM THAT LINDA DANVERS IS REALLY SUPERGIRL... AND THAT I'M ON MY WAY TO THE SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY RIGHT NOW!

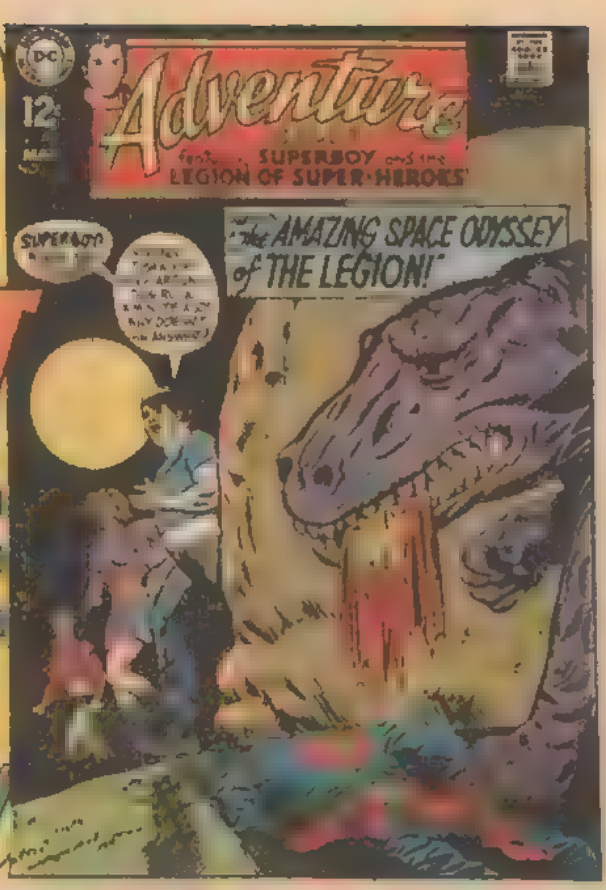
BUT WHEN THE GIRL OF STEEL ARRIVES...
OMIGOSH! SO THAT'S THE RECEPTION THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT! THEY'RE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST ME!... BLAMING ME FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
ANHOPE AUD
SUPER IS A MENAC
DOWN WITH SUPERGI
SUPERFI
BOYCOTT SUPERGIRL SHE DESTRO MARLA'S SIG
WHO BLINDE PROF. ALEXANDE SUPERGIRL!
SUPERGIRL, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO BLIND?
SOON, WITHIN AN EMPTY HALL...
NO, THANKS! WE WON'T ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE SUPER-FINK WHO CAUSED PROFESSOR ALEXANDER TO LOSE HER SIGHT.
BUT I ONLY WANTED TO HELP HER! I WAS FLYING MARLA ALEXANDER INTO SPACE TO VERIFY A WEIRD NEBULA SHE HAD DISCOVERED!
"I REMEMBER HOW IT STARTED!"
THANKS, SUPERGIRL! IF MY DISCOVERY IS CONFIRMED, I'LL GET A FULL PROFESSORSHIP! AND I'LL PROBABLY JOIN THE WORLD-FAMOUS SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO DEDICATE THE NEW SCIENCE CENTER THAT'S BEING BUILT!
"I DIDN'T KNOW IT, BUT AS WE APPROACHED THE EERIE, CLAW-LIKE NEBULA, MARLA WAS AFFECTED BY AN ODD SPACE PHENOMENON..."
THAT STRANGE FLARE OF LIGHT... IT'S BLURRING MY VISION SLIGHTLY.
"AFTER MARLA'S RETURN TO HER CLASS, SHE BEGAN TO ACT STRANGELY..."
I JUST ASKED HER TO DEMONSTRATE THE TRAJECTORY OF A SPACE VEHICLE ORBITING THROUGH THE RINGS OF SATURN... AND SHE DELIBERATELY SMASHED THAT ANTI-GRAV MODEL OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM SUPERGIRL BUILT!
THUD!
CRASH!


"MARLA'S SIGHT WAS FAILING. UNABLE TO READ HER LECTURE NOTES, SHE TAPED HER CLASSROOM LECTURES..."
I'M TOO BUSY WITH MY ASTRONOMY OBSERVATIONS TO ATTEND CLASS! FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL GET YOUR LECTURES ON TAPE!
SHE ACTS LIKE WE'RE NOTHING! I'M COMPLAINING TO THE DEAN!
"WHEN MARLA WAS BROUGHT UP ON CHARGES, I TOLD HER I'D DISCOVERED SHE HAD LOST HER SIGHT..."
YES, THAT'S THE TRUTH! I'M BLIND...TOTALLY BLIND! AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT...FOR NOT PROTECTING ME AGAINST THE DANGERS OF SPACE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED THAT STRANGE FLASH IN SPACE, BUT SOMEHOW, I FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR POOR MARLA'S BLINDNESS! MAYBE I CAN SQUARE IT WITH HER BY FINDING SOMEONE WHO CAN CURE HER.
SUPERGIRL IS A MENACE
STUDENTS AGAINST SUPERGIRL
SUPERGIRL GO AWAY
NEXT DAY, HIGH ABOVE THE ATLANTIC...
MARLA, THE ONE MAN WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESTORE YOUR SIGHT IS DR. STANTON, THE WORLD'S GREATEST OPTICAL SPECIALIST! I'M TAKING YOU TO HIM NOW!
IT'S THE LEAST YOU CAN DO, CONSIDERING HOW YOU'VE RUINED MY LIFE!
SOON, IN A JUNGLE HOSPITAL, WHERE THE DOCTOR IS FIGHTING AN EPIDEMIC WHICH CAUSES BLINDNESS...
YES, SUPERGIRL, IT'S MY GREATEST DISCOVERY...THE POLLEN OF A RARE JUNGLE FLOWER WHICH CURES THIS EYE DISEASE!
JUST LIKE QUININE BARK FROM THE SOUTH AMERICAN JUNGLE HELPS CURE MALARIA.


BUT WHEN THE MIRACLE WORKER EXAMINES MARLA...
I'M SORRY, SUPERGIRL! IT WOULD TAKE AN EYE TRANSPLANT BEFORE SHE COULD SEE AGAIN...NOT JUST THE CORNEA BUT THE WHOLE EYE! AND SUCH TRANSPLANT TECHNIQUES WON'T BE DEVELOPED FOR DECADES!
AS SUPERGIRL HEADS HOMEWARD...
ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT YOU COST ME MY SIGHT? DID YOU HAVE TO BUILD UP MY HOPES LIKE THIS? SOB
I'M SORRY, MARLA I WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP!
WITH ALL MY SUPER-POWERS, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR HER...
SHORTLY, BACK AT STANHOPE...
WE MADE IT BACK JUST IN TIME TO BEAT THAT LIGHTNING STORM WHICH IS PASSING OVER STANHOPE
THEN...
MARLA.. WE'RE PASSING OVER THE NEW WORLD SCIENCE CENTER. AS ONE OF EARTH'S GREAT SCIENTISTS, YOU'RE INVITED TO THE DEDICATION TOMORROW! SHALL I ESCORT YOU THERE?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR FAVORS. I'LL GET THERE ON MY OWN.
NEXT DAY, AS THE WORLD'S MOST EMINENT GENIUSES GATHER FOR THE CEREMONY...
BIOLOGISTS, PHYSICISTS, CHEMISTS... THE CREAM OF EARTH'S BRAIN-POWER.
AND HERE COMES THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS ASTRONOMER, DR ALEXANDER! IT'S A SHAME SHE HAS TO USE A SEEING-EYE DOG NOW.
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING

there's a NEW EXCITEMENT about ADVENTURE COMING!

ON SALE MARCH 27th.



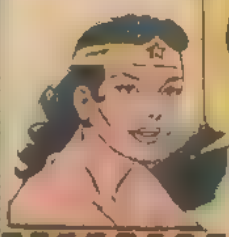
BATMAN SUPERMAN

INVITE YOU TO GET YOUR FREE COUPON HERE

ADMIT ONE (1) TO
PALISADES
AMUSEMENT PARK
ADMISSION FREE PARKING
GOOD MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS
WORTH $1.10
(EXCEPT HOLIDAYS) UNTIL 7PM

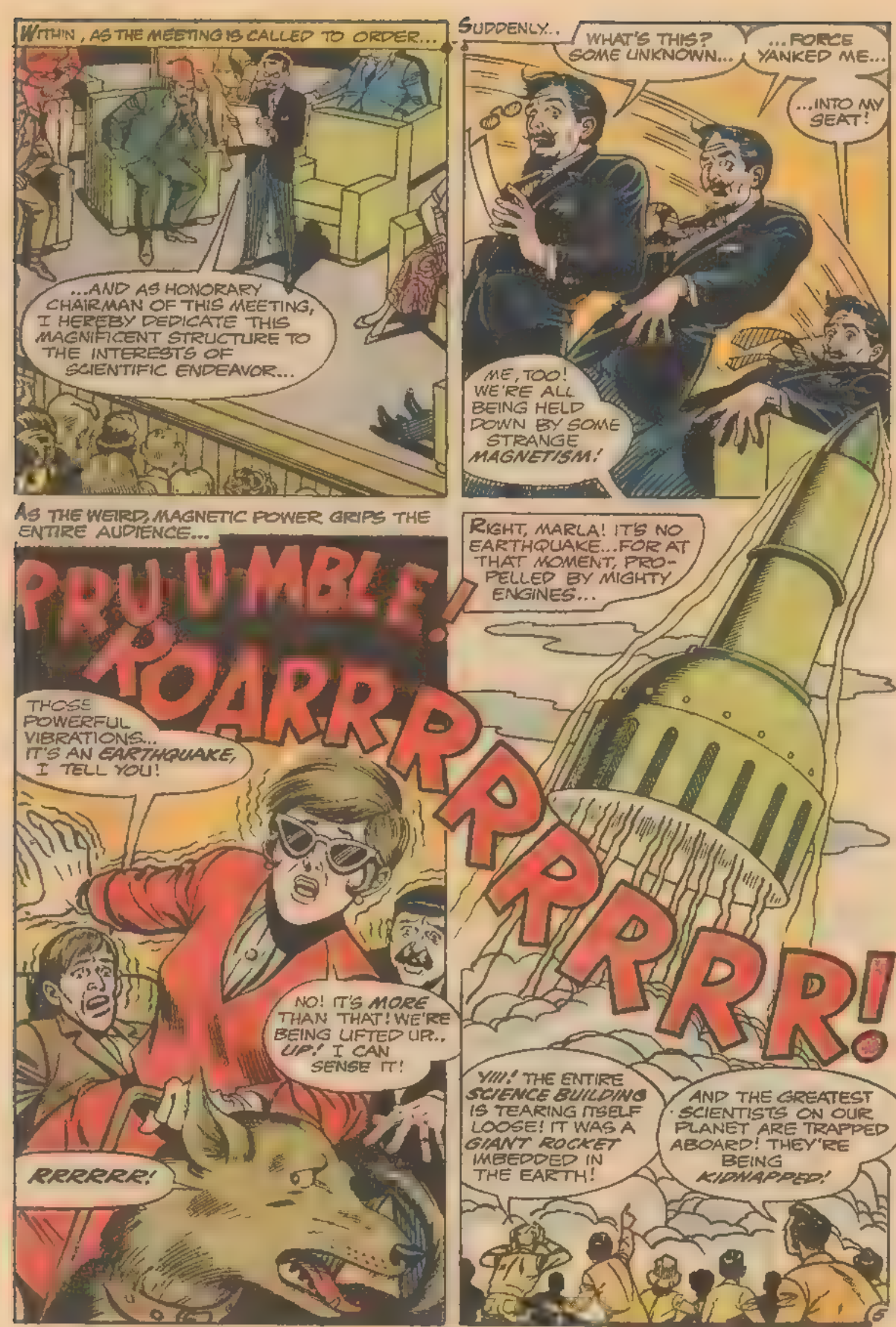
PALISADES AMUSEMENT PARK N.J.
Opening APRIL 5th
1/2 MILE SOUTH OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

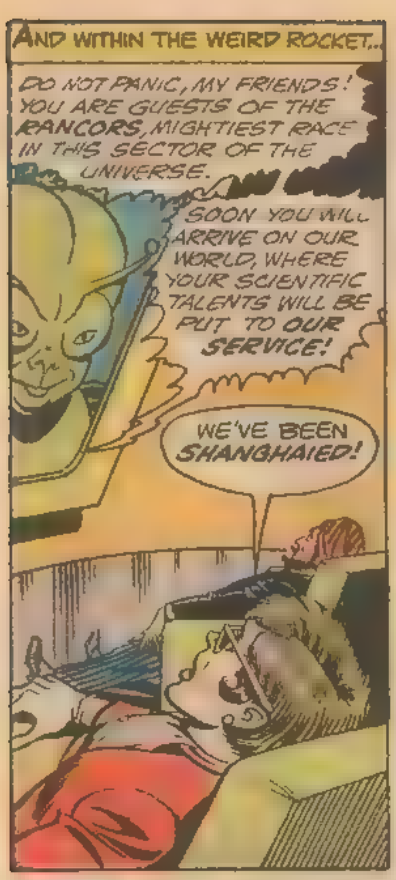
ALL DC (SUPERMAN · NATIONAL COMICS) COMICS IN MAY THROUGH OCTOBER HAVE THE FREE COUPON!

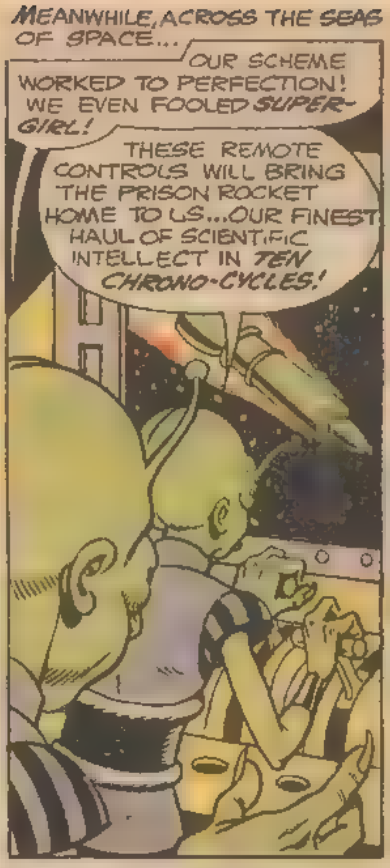


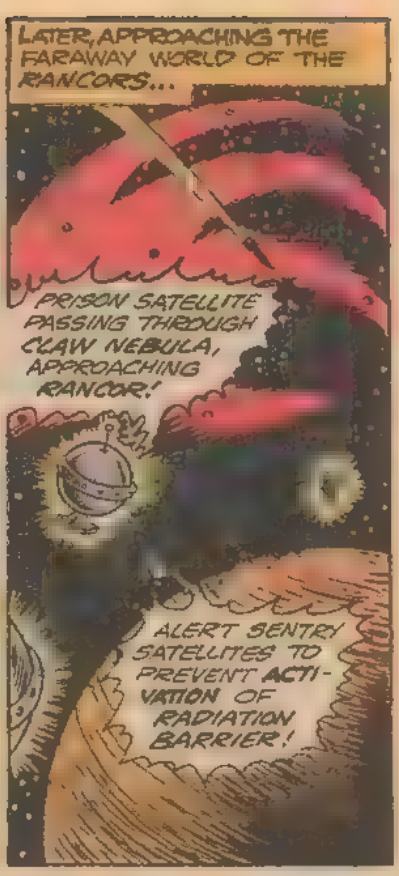
Free Ride BATMAN SLIDE

Free Ride CAROUSEL

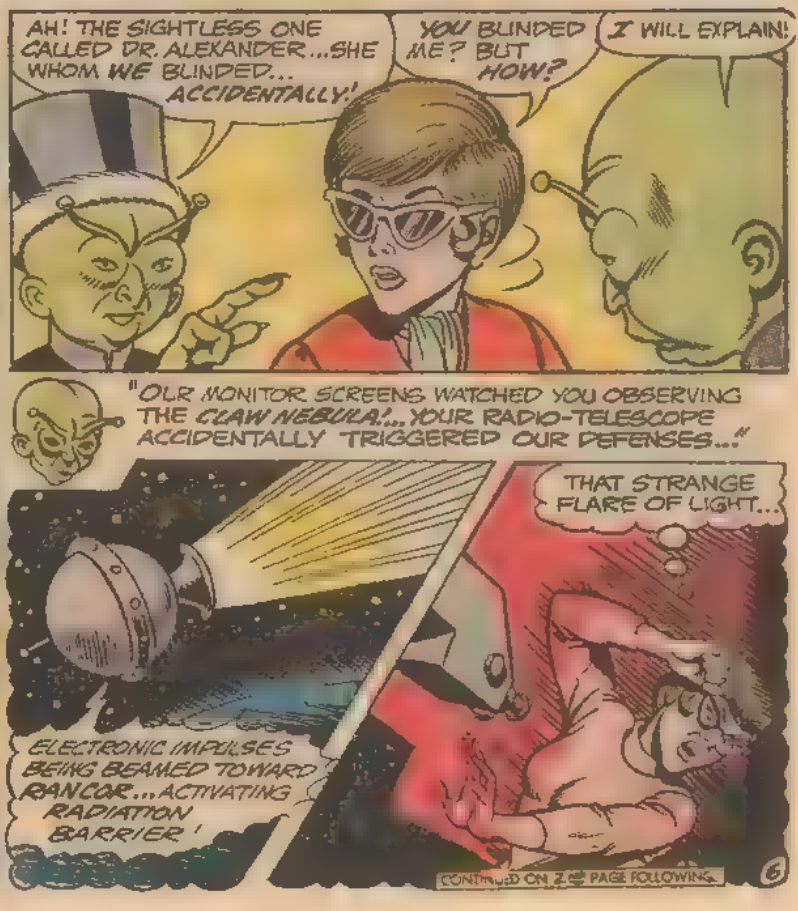

WITHIN, AS THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER...
...AND AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THIS MEETING, I HEREBY DEDICATE THIS MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE TO THE INTERESTS OF SCIENTIFIC ENDEAVOR...
SUDDENLY...
WHAT'S THIS? SOME UNKNOWN...
...FORCE YANKED ME...
...INTO MY SEAT!
ME, TOO! WE'RE ALL BEING HELD DOWN BY SOME STRANGE MAGNETISM!
AS THE WEIRD, MAGNETIC POWER GRIPS THE ENTIRE AUDIENCE...
PRUUMBLE!
ROARRRRRRRRR!
THOSE POWERFUL VIBRATIONS... IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE, I TELL YOU!
NO! IT'S MORE THAN THAT! WE'RE BEING LIFTED UP.. UP! I CAN SENSE IT!
RRRRRR!
RIGHT, MARLA! IT'S NO EARTHQUAKE...FOR AT THAT MOMENT, PROPELLED BY MIGHTY ENGINES...
YIII! THE ENTIRE SCIENCE BUILDING IS TEARING ITSELF LOOSE! IT WAS A GIANT ROCKET IMBEDDED IN THE EARTH!
AND THE GREATEST SCIENTISTS ON OUR PLANET ARE TRAPPED ABOARD! THEY'RE BEING KIDNAPPED!


AND WITHIN THE WEIRD ROCKET...
DO NOT PANIC, MY FRIENDS! YOU ARE GUESTS OF THE RANCORS, MIGHTIEST RACE IN THIS SECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE.
SOON YOU WILL ARRIVE ON OUR WORLD, WHERE YOUR SCIENTIFIC TALENTS WILL BE PUT TO OUR SERVICE!
WE'VE BEEN SHANGHAIED!


MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE SEAS OF SPACE...
OUR SCHEME WORKED TO PERFECTION! WE EVEN FOOLED SUPER-GIRL!
THESE REMOTE CONTROLS WILL BRING THE PRISON ROCKET HOME TO US...OUR FINEST HAUL OF SCIENTIFIC INTELLECT IN TEN CHRONO-CYCLES!


LATER, APPROACHING THE FARAWAY WORLD OF THE RANCORS...
PRISON SATELLITE PASSING THROUGH CLAW NEBULA, APPROACHING RANCOR!
ALERT SENTRY SATELLITES TO PREVENT ACTIVATION OF RADIATION BARRIER!

SOON, AS THE CAPTIVE SCIENTISTS DEBARK...
I AM TIRAS, THE RANCOR CHIEFTAIN! WE HAVE STUDIED YOUR WORLD FOR YEARS. OUR SECRET AGENTS BUILT THE ROCKET WHICH TRAPPED YOU!
FOLLOW THE GUARDS, AND YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED!


AH! THE SIGHTLESS ONE CALLED DR. ALEXANDER...SHE WHOM WE BLINDED... ACCIDENTALLY!
YOU BLINDED ME? BUT HOW?
I WILL EXPLAIN!
"OUR MONITOR SCREENS WATCHED YOU OBSERVING THE CLAW NEBULA!...YOUR RADIO-TELESCOPE ACCIDENTALLY TRIGGERED OUR DEFENSES..."
THAT STRANGE FLARE OF LIGHT...
ELECTRONIC IMPULSES BEING BEAMED TOWARD RANCOR...ACTIVATING RADIATION BARRIER!
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.
6

116 PLANES ONLY 1.75

FIGHT GLOBAL AIR BATTLES WITH PLANES OF ALL NATIONS

PLAN LONG RANGE BOMBER ATTACKS · DEPLOY TACTICAL DEFENSE GROUPS · STAGE HIGH A.I. FORCE DOGFIGHTS

DISCOVER HOW TO IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY 116 PLANES OF ALL NATIONS

- by country of origin
- by type
- by shape
- by number

FREE! PILOT'S TRAINING CHART

BRILLIANT COLORS

HARMLESS

MADE OF SUPER-STRONG AIR PLASTIC

Free! If you act now! Big Pilot's training wall chart showing each model, to train yourself and your crews to recognize friendly and enemy aircraft on sight

Detach and Mail at once

"PLANES" Dept. P 59 ,Box 397, Rockville Centre, N.Y

Send me right away 116 Planes of All Nations and my FREE Pilot's Training Chart. I enclose cash, check, or money order for $2.00 ($1.75 plus 25¢ postage and handling). TWO SETS for $3.60 complete

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY ZONE STATE

NO C.O.D.'s - SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

CANADIANS FOREIGN $2.25 U.S. INT'L MONEY ORDER

40 ARMY-NAVY-MARINE

ALL AUTHENTIC MEDALS & INSIGNIAS

ONLY $1.75 POSTPAID

THIS WONDERFUL SET includes

40 ALL DIFFERENT

★ Medals ★ Collar Insignias ★ O-Bars ★ Shoulder Emblems ★ Ratings ★ Ribbons ★ Chevrons, etc.

You can wear them... mount them... trade them! They're exciting... interesting... historical!

[illegible] MAKING COLLECTION

We guarantee this to be the greatest collection of genuine Army, Navy and Marine insignias ever to be offered at this unbelievably low price. These medals and insignias were actually made for, and worn by the members our fighting Armed Forces during World War II!

MAIL TODAY!

INSIGNIAS X-59

P.O. BOX 397 - ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.

RUSH ME (CHECK THE QUANTITY YOU WISH)

1 set for ONLY 1.75 ☐ 2 sets for ONLY 3.25 ☐

3 sets for ONLY 5.00 ☐

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. NO C.O.D.'S

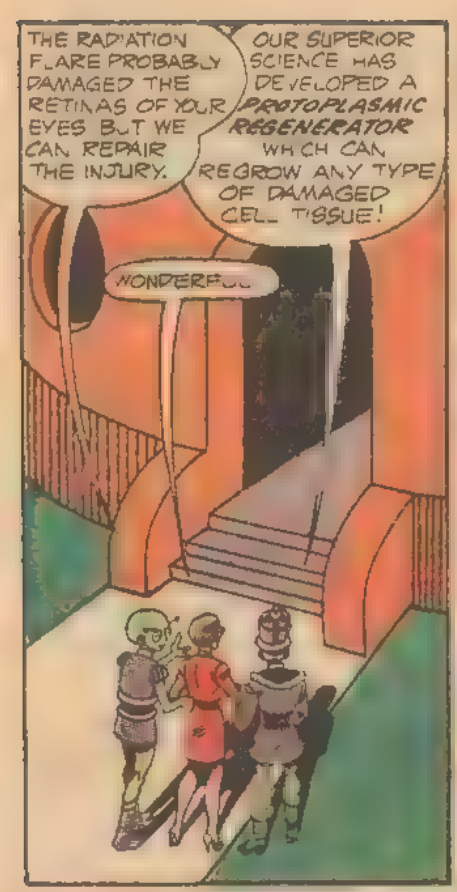
Please print information below

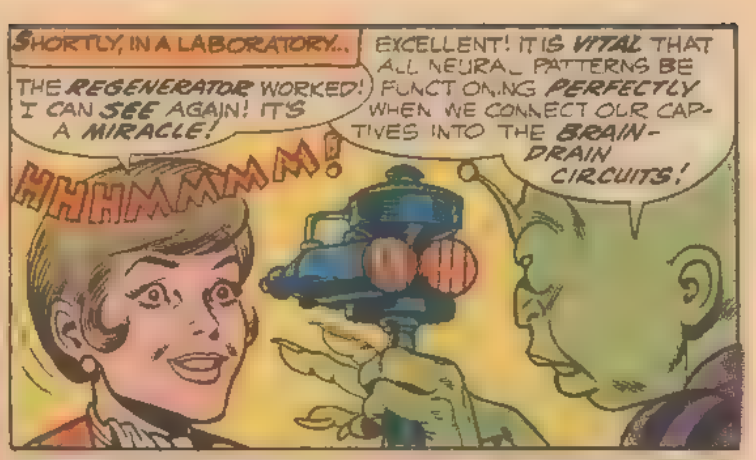
NAME

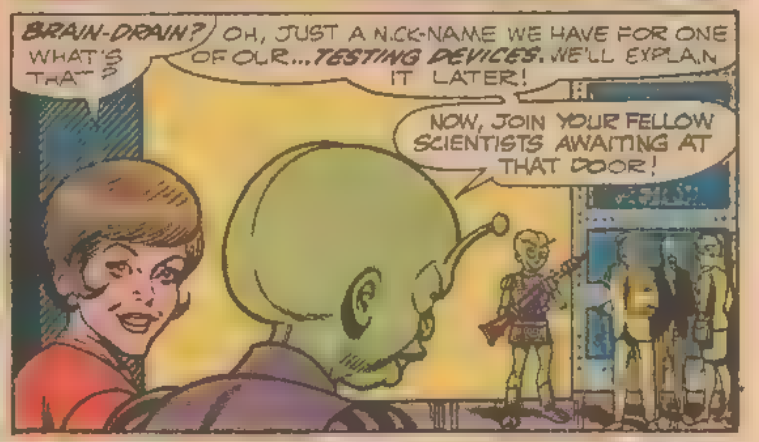
ADDRESS

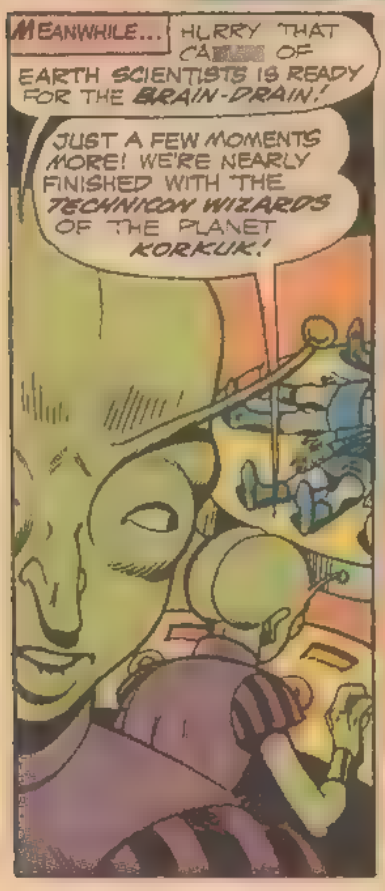
CITY STATE ZIP

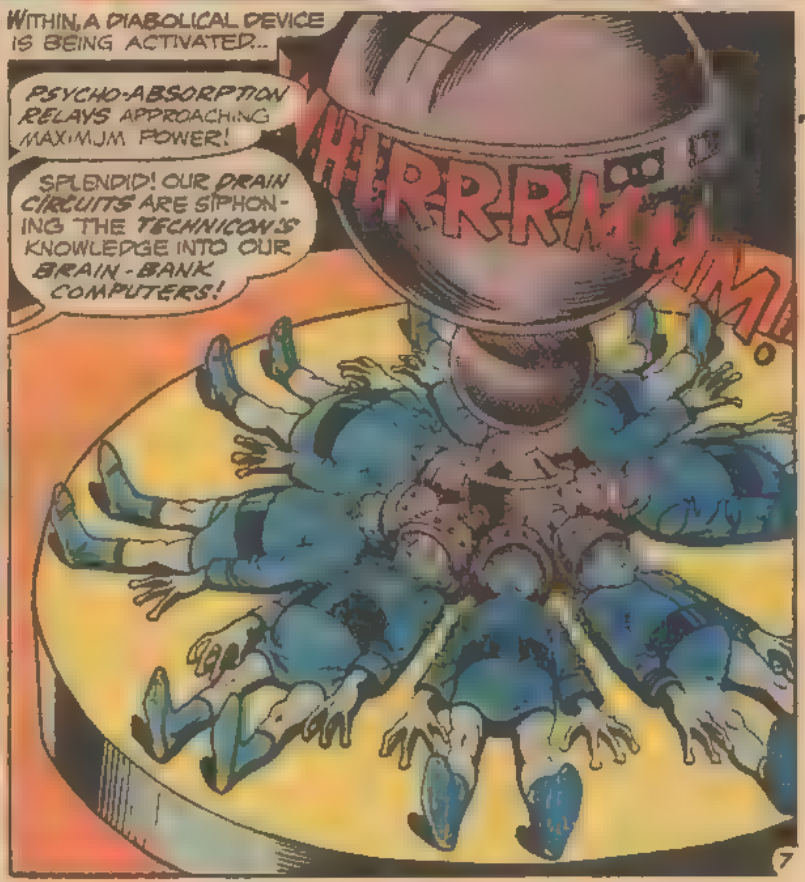
CANADIAN & FOREIGN ADD 30¢ PER SET INT'L MONEY ORDER


THE RADIATION FLARE PROBABLY DAMAGED THE RETINAS OF YOUR EYES BUT WE CAN REPAIR THE INJURY.
OUR SUPERIOR SCIENCE HAS DEVELOPED A PROTOPLASMIC REGENERATOR WHICH CAN REGROW ANY TYPE OF DAMAGED CELL TISSUE!
WONDERFUL

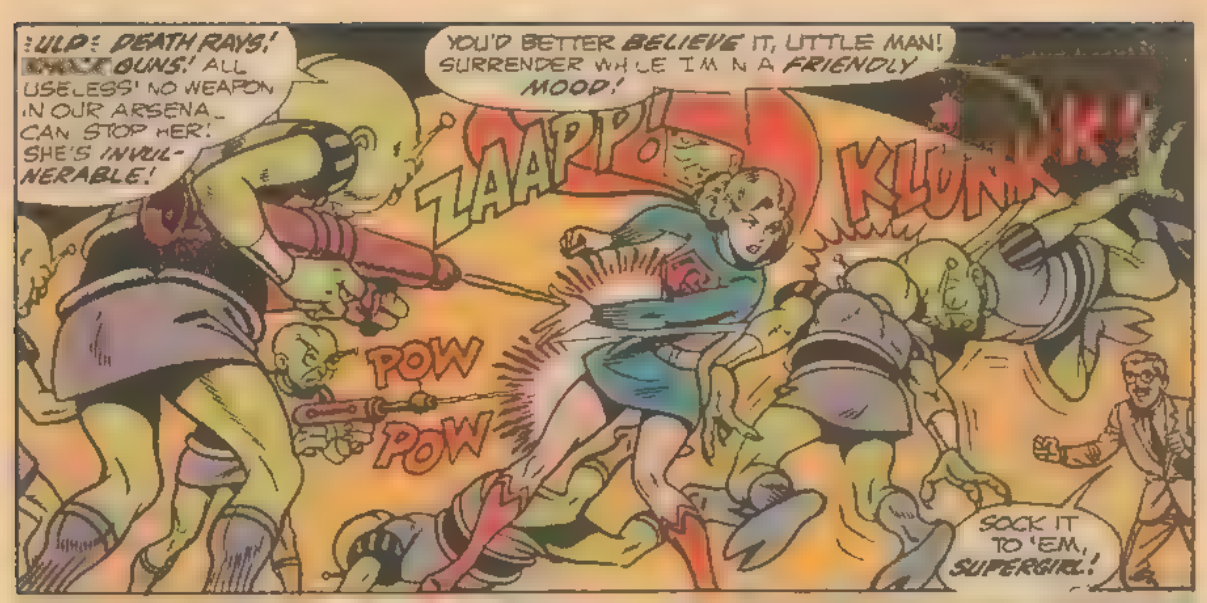

SHORTLY, IN A LABORATORY...
THE REGENERATOR WORKED! I CAN SEE AGAIN! IT'S A MIRACLE!
EXCELLENT! IT IS VITAL THAT ALL NEURAL PATTERNS BE FUNCTIONING PERFECTLY WHEN WE CONNECT OUR CAPTIVES INTO THE BRAIN-DRAIN CIRCUITS!
HHHMMMM!


BRAIN-DRAIN? WHAT'S THAT?
OH, JUST A NICK-NAME WE HAVE FOR ONE OF OUR... TESTING DEVICES. WE'LL EXPLAIN IT LATER!
NOW, JOIN YOUR FELLOW SCIENTISTS AWAITING AT THAT DOOR!

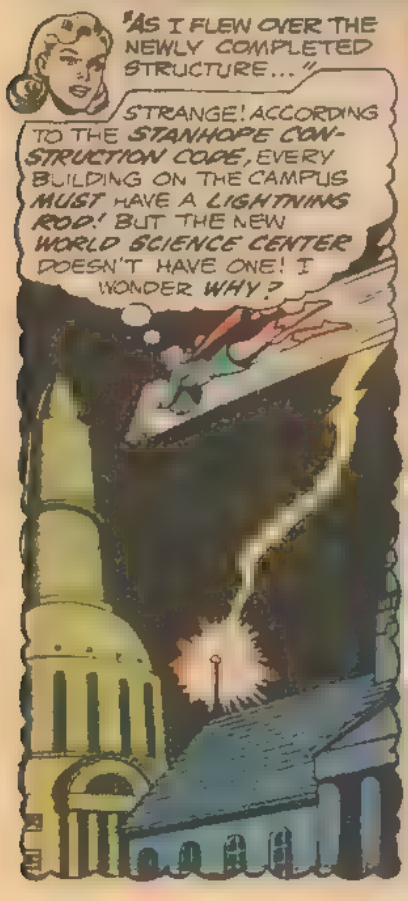

MEANWHILE... HURRY THAT CAPTIVE OF EARTH SCIENTISTS IS READY FOR THE BRAIN-DRAIN!
JUST A FEW MOMENTS MORE! WE'RE NEARLY FINISHED WITH THE TECHNICON WIZARDS OF THE PLANET KORKUK!

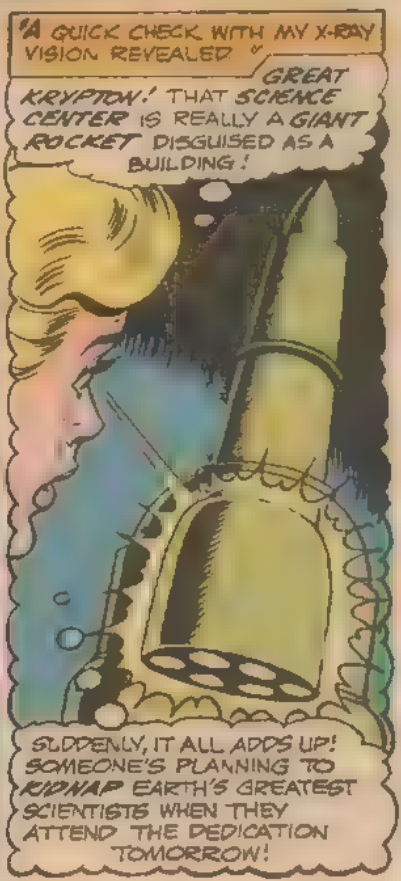

WITHIN, A DIABOLICAL DEVICE IS BEING ACTIVATED...
PSYCHO-ABSORPTION RELAYS APPROACHING MAXIMUM POWER!
SPLENDID! OUR DRAIN CIRCUITS ARE SIPHONING THE TECHNICON'S KNOWLEDGE INTO OUR BRAIN-BANK COMPUTERS!
HRRRMMMM!

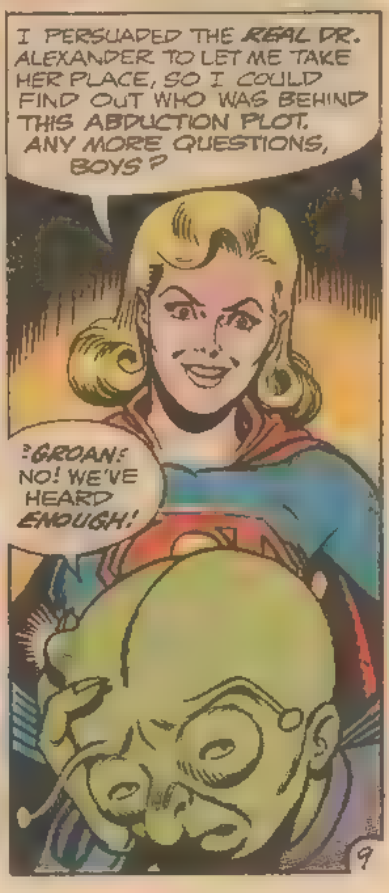
AS THE WEIRD PROCESS ENDS...
THE BRAIN-DRAIN SAPPED ALL THEIR MENTAL ENERGY! THEY WALK LIKE ROBOTS NOW!
IT DOES NOT MATTER! THE KNOWLEDGE OUR COMPUTERS DRAINED FROM THEIR INTELLECTS WILL HELP US SEIZE CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!
BUT WHEN EARTH'S SCIENTISTS ENTER...
YOU WANT US TO PUT ON THOSE MENTO-HELMETS? BUT WHY? WHAT DIRTY WORK ARE YOU RANCORS UP TO?
THEY SAY IT'S A PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST! WHY BE SO SUSPICIOUS? NO ONE HAS HARMED US YET
THE RANCORS ARE FRIENDLY, I TELL YOU. DIDN'T THEY RESTORE MY SIGHT? I'M READY TO COOPERATE!.. SEE? THE HELMETS ARE HARMLESS!
HA, HA! DR ALEXANDER WILL CONVINCE HER FELLOW SCIENTISTS!
BUT AN INSTANT LATER...
WHAT'S THIS? SOME KIND OF POWER FEED-BACK ON THE PSYCHO-ABSORPTION RELAYS! CUT OFF THE DRAIN-CIRCUITS!
HUMM
ZAAPP!
ZZZZZ!
TOO LATE! AN ENERGY OVER-LOAD FROM THE MENTO-HELMET JUST KNOCKED OUT THE BRAIN-DRAIN!
IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
IT IS SUPERGIRL... SHE WAS DISGUISED AS DR ALEXANDER!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT! MY SUPER-HEARING CAUGHT THE FULL DETAILS OF YOUR DIABOLICAL BRAIN-DRAIN! SO I USED MY MENTAL SUPER-ENERGY TO OVERLOAD THE CIRCUITS!
AND NOW MY SUPER-FISTS WILL FINISH THE JOB!
STOP HER! OPEN FIRE!
POW!
CRUNCH!

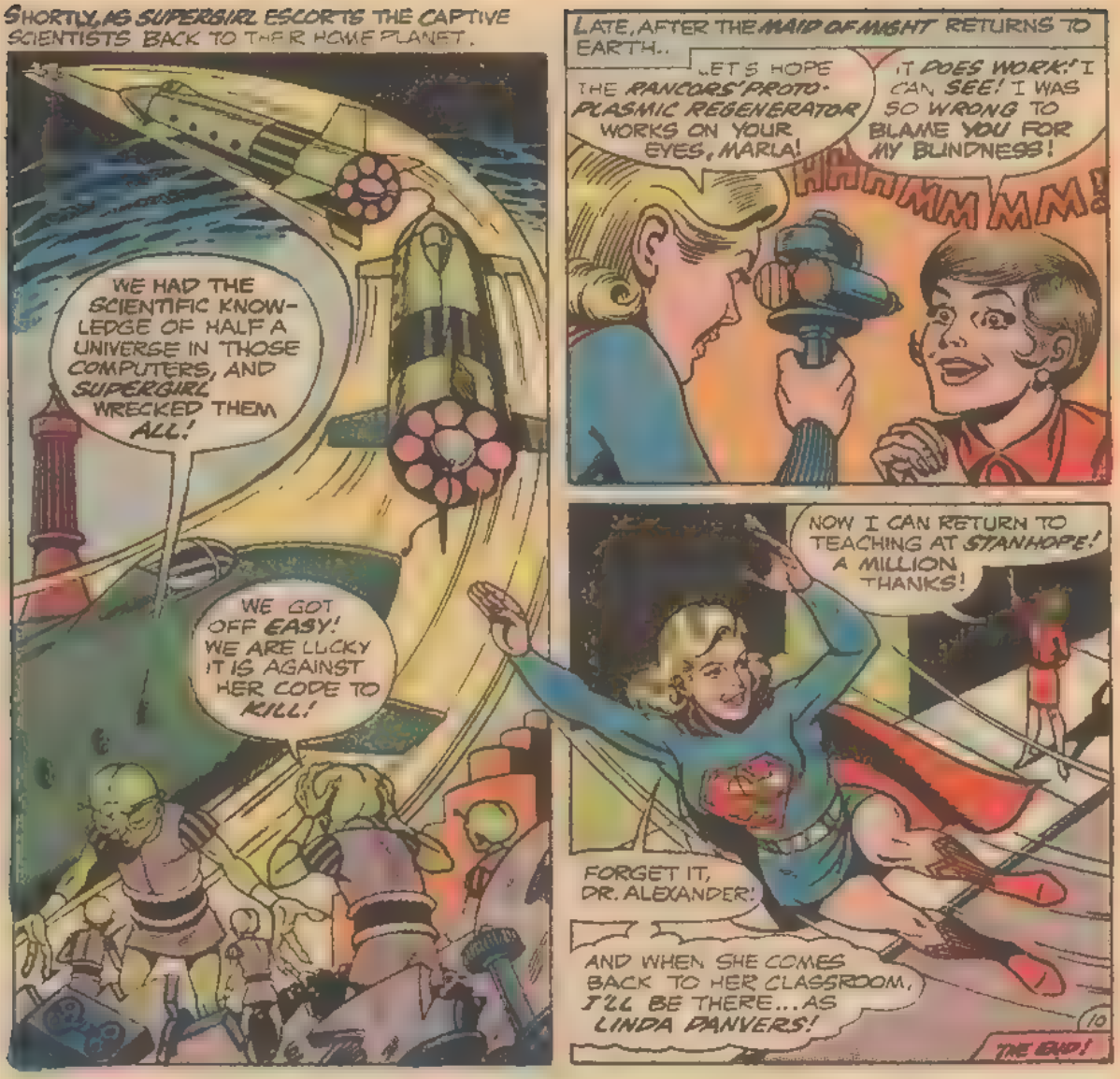

:ULP: DEATH RAYS! [illegible] GUNS! ALL USELESS! NO WEAPON IN OUR ARSENAL CAN STOP HER! SHE'S INVULNERABLE!
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT, LITTLE MAN! SURRENDER WHILE I'M IN A FRIENDLY MOOD!
ZAAPP!
KLUNK!
POW
POW
SOCK IT TO 'EM, SUPERGIRL!

AFTER THE RANCORS GIVE UP..
WE SPENT YEARS INFILTRATING OUR AGENTS THROUGH EARTH'S DEFENSES. WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF TO OUR KIDNAPPING SCHEME?
ONE SIMPLE MISTAKE YOU CLODS MADE! I DETECTED IT DURING A LIGHTNING STORM!

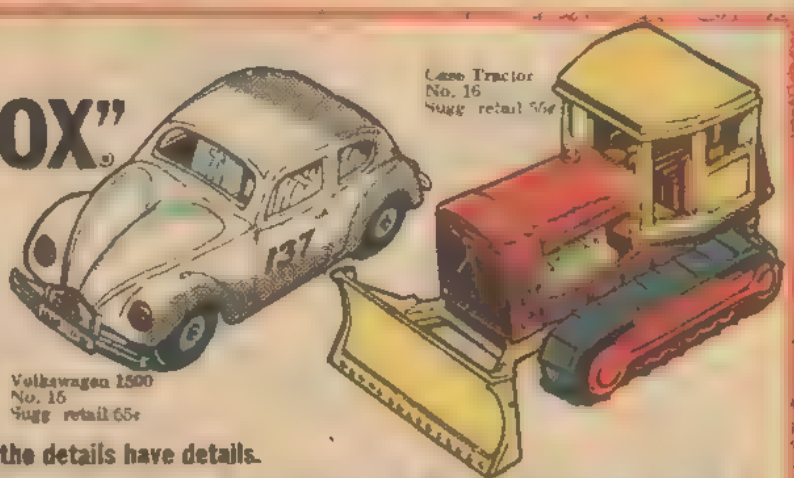

"AS I FLEW OVER THE NEWLY COMPLETED STRUCTURE..."
STRANGE! ACCORDING TO THE STANHOPE CONSTRUCTION CODE, EVERY BUILDING ON THE CAMPUS MUST HAVE A LIGHTNING ROD! BUT THE NEW WORLD SCIENCE CENTER DOESN'T HAVE ONE! I WONDER WHY?


"A QUICK CHECK WITH MY X-RAY VISION REVEALED"
GREAT KRYPTON! THAT SCIENCE CENTER IS REALLY A GIANT ROCKET DISGUISED AS A BUILDING!
SUDDENLY, IT ALL ADDS UP! SOMEONE'S PLANNING TO KIDNAP EARTH'S GREATEST SCIENTISTS WHEN THEY ATTEND THE DEDICATION TOMORROW!


I PERSUADED THE REAL DR. ALEXANDER TO LET ME TAKE HER PLACE, SO I COULD FIND OUT WHO WAS BEHIND THIS ABDUCTION PLOT. ANY MORE QUESTIONS, BOYS?
:GROAN: NO! WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH!


SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL ESCORTS THE CAPTIVE SCIENTISTS BACK TO THEIR HOME PLANET.
WE HAD THE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF HALF A UNIVERSE IN THOSE COMPUTERS, AND SUPERGIRL WRECKED THEM ALL!
WE GOT OFF EASY! WE ARE LUCKY IT IS AGAINST HER CODE TO KILL!
LATE, AFTER THE MAID OF MIGHT RETURNS TO EARTH..
LET'S HOPE THE RANCORS' PROTOPLASMIC REGENERATOR WORKS ON YOUR EYES, MARLA!
IT DOES WORK! I CAN SEE! I WAS SO WRONG TO BLAME YOU FOR MY BLINDNESS!
HMMMMM!
NOW I CAN RETURN TO TEACHING AT STANHOPE! A MILLION THANKS!
FORGET IT, DR. ALEXANDER!
AND WHEN SHE COMES BACK TO HER CLASSROOM, I'LL BE THERE... AS LINDA DANVERS!
10
THE END!

NEW "MATCHBOX" MODELS OF THE MONTH.



On a "MATCHBOX" model even the details have details.

Take a look at the new Volkswagen and Case Tractor. We didn't stop with putting a truck on the tractor. We made it move. We made the VW 1500 really authentic. And then went one step further with an extra sporty touch—a Monte Carlo rally plaque. There are new models out all the time. And to really be a "MATCHBOX" expert, write for the free catalogue.

Lesney Products & Co. Ltd. 109 East 23rd Street New York

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF COMICS #11 1239

DC STARS OF STAGE, SCREEN, RADIO AND TELEVISION

"You can't keep a good man down," they always say. Well, it also seems you can't keeep a good comic book character confined to just the comic strip format. Most fans are aware of the fact that several DC characters have been adapted to various forms of visual and vocal drama, but few of them probably realize the extent of these adaptations in both the number of characters and media forms involved. The following is a brief outline of all the stage, screen, radio and TV versions of DC characters I've been able to track down. Even I was surprised at how long the list grew.

SUPERMAN-Superman was the first of all the original comic book characters to be adapted to another medium, and by far the most prolific of them. Even before he won his own comic book, while his strip was still only the lead feature in Action Comics, a transcribed Superman radio series was being sold to local stations in 1938. The transcription was merely a script that was sold to various radio stations to be acted by local acting talent for local audiences only. However, The Man Of Steel soon became far too popular a feature to remain only a local show, and on February 12, 1940 the first installment of the daily weekday Superman radio serial was broadcast on a nation-wide hook-up. Bud Collyer was the voice of The Man Of Tomorrow, in the series that lasted until 1952.

The Man Of Steel next moved on to a medium where the visual impact of the character could be utilized—the silver screen. Between 1941 and 1943, Paramount Pictures released 17 full-animation Superman cartoons. The color and artistry of these features are generally considered to rank among the best Hollywood has offered, and they still are occasionally shown on local TV stations throughout the country.

Kirk Alyn was the first actor to portray a "live" Superman on the screen. In 1948, Columbia Pictures released a 15-chapter motion picture serial simply entitled, *"Superman."* In the film, Noel Neill portrayed the part of Lois Lane, with Tommy Bond playing Jimmy Olsen and Pierre Watkin as Perry White. In 1950 Columbia released a second 15-chapter Superman serial, *"Atom Man vs. Superman,"* with the same cast, and with Lyle Talbot portraying Luthor, the Atom Man of the title. (This was the only appearance Luthor ever made in a live-action Superman feature.)

1951 saw the release of a full length, live-action Superman movie, *"Superman And The Mole Men."* produced by Lippert Pictures. There was a new lead cast for this feature, with George Reeves as The Man Of Steel and Phyllis Coates as Lois. The picture proved so popular that it launched the live-action Superman TV series. The original picture was later divided into two episodes, retitled "Unknown People," and became the only 2-part story on the TV show. In all, there were 104 half-hour episodes of the TV show, which is still seen over many local TV outlets.

Superman came to Broadway in a musical entitled, *"It's A Bird...It's A Plane...It's Superman!"* The play starred Bob Holiday as the Kryptonian Crimefighter and Patricia Marand as Lois Lane. The show was rather light-hearted and may have offended Superman "purists," but most fans who have seen it agree that it was an enjoyable experience.

An all-new, half-hour Superman TV series was inaugerated in 1966. In 1967 the show combined with a new half-hour Aquaman cartoon show to create *The Superman-Aquaman Hour Of Adventure*. Superman switched TV partners in 1968 to establish the *Batman-Superman Hour*.

Superboy cartoons have appeared as part of the Superman cartoon series since its inception, but most fans are not aware of the fact that, previous to the start of the Superboy cartoons, a pilot-film for a live-action Superboy TV series, starring Johnny Rockwell as The Boy Of Steel, was filmed, but never shown.

BATMAN—The Masked Manhunter was the first DC character to reach the screen in live-action format when, in 1943, Columbia Pictures released the 15-chapter serial, *"Batman."* Lewis Wilson portrayed Batman with Douglas Croft as Robin. In 1966, all 15 chapters were combined and released as a full length motion picture that played to packed houses.

Radio was the next mass-communications media to exploit the possibilities of the Batman character. Strangely, and in spite of a few fans' misconceptions, Batman never had a radio show of his own. Rather, starting on March 3, 1945, Batman and Robin became regular guest stars on the Superman show, occasionally even working The Man Of Steel out of the picture entirely for several weeks, and appearing in about every second or third story until the series ended.

In 1949, The Gotham Goliath had his second crack at movie stardom. *"The New Adventures of Batman And Robin"* featured a totally new cast, with Robert Lowery as The Batman, Johnny Duncan as The Boy Wonder and Lyle Talbot (Superman's Luthor) as Commissioner Gordon. Again this was a 15-chapter serial released by Columbia Pictures.

TV was the next stop for Batman when, in 1966, the half-hour, twice weekly Batman show was released upon an unsuspecting audience, and for a while America went Bat-mad. The popular series starred Adam West as Batman and Burt Ward as Robin, and currently is running in syndication on local stations. Much more can be said about the TV series, but, unless you've been living in a complete vacuum lately, you probably know all about it already.

In 1968, a half-hour cartoon series was released which, along with the half-hour Superman cartoon series, is featured as the *Batman-Superman Hour* on the CBS TV network.

HOP HARRIGAN—Hop Harrigan, America's Ace Of The Airways was an aviation strip during the Golden Age of Comics that appeared in more titles than any other DC adventure strip. The strip was quite popular, and in 1942 or 1943 (which is as near as I can pin it down) a radio series was initiated which lasted for several years. The feature also proved to have enough of a following to rate a 1946 motion picture serial being made of it by Columbia Pictures.

THE VIGILANTE—In 1947, Columbia Pictures produced a 15-chapter serial based upon *The Vigilante* strip then currently being featured in Action Comics. The wild west's costumed crimefighter was played by Ralph Byrd, and George Offerman Jr. portrayed Vig's side-kick, Stuff.

CONGO BILL—Action Comics provided another feature for the silver screen in 1948, when Columbia filmed *"Congo Bill"* as a 15-chapter serial. Don McGuire portrayed the jungle adventurer.

BLACKHAWK—Blackhawk's international crew provided grist for the Columbia mills when, in 1952, they released *"Blackhawk"* as a 15-chapter serial. The Blackhawks were portrayed by the following actors: Blackhawk by Kirk Alyn (who also played the first live-action Superman); Chuck by John Crawford; Andre by Larry Stewart; Stanislaus by Rick Vallin; Olaf by Don Harvey; Chop Chop by Weaver Levy; and Hendrickson by Frank Ellis.

AQUAMAN—An Aquaman TV cartoon series started as one half of the *Superman-Aquaman Hour of Adventure* in 1967. In 1968, the show began appearing as a weekly half-hour solo feature. One-third of the show was devoted to showcasing cartoons starring The Justice League Of America, Teen Titans, The Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkman and The Atom on a rotating basis.

WE'RE HAVING A HAPPENING!

A VERY SPECIAL ISSUE!

BATMAN'S 30th ANNIVERSARY!

Young America Record Club's

Top-Hit Records

75¢ and up

DISCOUNTS 25% 33 1/3% 50% UP TO 75%!

ALL LABELS ★ ALL STARS ★ NO EXCEPTIONS!

★ No Minimum Number Of Records To Buy ★ Order Any Day, Any Week – Same Day Shipments ★ Get Top Hits Even Before In Stock In Your Home Town ★ No Unordered Records ★ No Bills To Pay – Ever! ★ No $1.00 Extra Charge For Stereo

plus Young America Record Club fab fun!

Singles ! LP's Tape CARtridge

Buy all the LP's, all the Singles, all the Tapes you want—EVERY label, EVERY star—AT BIG DISCOUNTS—25%, 33⅓%, 50%, even up to 75%. Top-hit records begin as low as 75¢, plus a small charge for speedy delivery to your home. Buy all the records you want OR NOTHING. There's no obligation ever to purchase a minimum number of records.

Get Columbia, Capitol, RCA Victor, Motown, Atlantic, Atco, Warner Bros, Reprise, Decca, Epic, Mercury, MGM, ABC,—HUNDREDS OF LABELS, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Choose from The Beatles, Aretha Franklin, Mamas and Papas, Sonny and Cher, Andy Williams, Petula Clark, Nancy Sinatra, Bill Cosby, Dionne Warwick—EVERY STAR, ANY STAR. Just name your favorites! Choose from Rock 'n Roll, Soul, Rhythm 'n Blues, Country and Western, Top Pops—EVERY KIND OF SOUND YOU LUV.

Monthly bulletins mailed to you showing nearly 500 records—ALL THE HITS played most by disc jockeys, on the juke boxes. Join today and get 15-record set of "Oldies and Goodies" (an original $13.35 value) free. Your membership dues is just $1.00. Money-back if not happy you joined. Mail $1.00 with coupon to: Young America Record Club, Dept.10759, 120 E. 56 th ST., N.Y., N.Y.10022

15-RECORD SET FREE

With Membership

Oldies and Goodies

(45-RPM'S)

An Original $13.35 Value

30-SONGS...30-SIDES...

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

THE ONLY RECORD CLUB WITH ALL YOUR FAVORITE STARS!

Young Rascals	Aretha Franklin
Turtles	Temptations
Jefferson Airplane	Bill Cosby
Music Explosion	The Monkees
The Association	The Yardbirds
Happenings	Rolling Stones
Every Mother's Son	Herman's Hermits
Simon and Garfunkel	Four Tops
The Animals	Paul Revere
Herb Alpert	The Bee Gees
Blues Magoos	Dionne Warwick
The Beach Boys	Lovin' Spoonful
The Beatles	Petula Clark
Johnny Mathis	Harpers Bizarre
Ventures	Supremes
Peter, Paul and Mary	Stevie Wonder
Righteous Brothers	Elvis Presley
The Yellow Balloon	Sonny and Cher
Five Americans	Frank Sinatra
Moby Grape	Nancy Sinatra
The Love Generation	Mamas and Papas
Lettermen	Dean Martin
Tony Bennett	Bob Dylan
Englebert Humperdinck	Nancy Wilson
Dave Clark Five	MANY MORE

YOUNG AMERICA RECORD CLUB

Dept.10759, 120 E. 56 th ST., N.Y., N.Y.10022

Send my 15-record set of "Oldies and Goodies" free. Enroll me in Young America Record Club. My $1.00 membership dues is enclosed in ☐ cash ☐ check or ☐ money order. This entitles me to buy LPs, Singles, Tapes (all labels, any star) at discounts from 25%, 33⅓%, 50%, even 75%, plus a small charge for speedy delivery to my home. Monthly bulletins of hundreds of records will be mailed to me. There is no obligation to buy even one record, unless I wish.

Print Name_____

Print Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

MONEY-BACK IF NOT HAPPY YOU JOINED CLUB

GHOSTLY GLOW-POWER STRIKES!

THE MONSTERS ARE BACK. AND THEY GLOW IN THE DARK.

FOR THE BOY WHO HAS EVERYTHING!
WHAT'S NEW SOME GRUESOME?
BRING A FIEND HOME FOR DINNER!
PLAY IT COOL... GHOUL!
WHEN YOU GOTTA GLOW... YOU GOTTA GLOW!
GET THEM BEFORE THEY GET YOU!
WAIT UNTIL DARK

Aurora has put new life in the Movie Monsters. Wait'll you see what happens when the lights go out! $1.50 each, wherever hobby kits are sold.

FRANKENSTEIN THE WOLF MAN PHANTOM OF THE OPERA THE MUMMY
DRACULA THE FORGOTTEN PRISONER OF CASTLEMARE

Models can be painted as shown. Kits do not include paint or cement.

©1969 AURORA PLASTICS CORP., WEST HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK

The World's Largest Manufacturer of Hobby Products

Aurora products are manufactured entirely in the U.S. for distribution in America; in Canada for the Commonwealth nations; and in Holland for Europe and Africa.

AURORA